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Calgary's Green Line dream 'not dead yet' as business leaders hold out hope for LRT



CHRIS VARCOE

Bill Black shared a video clip from Monty Python and the Holy Grail with his colleagues last Friday morning.

In the scene, an ailing man is dropped into a cart full of corpses while insisting he's not dead yet.

Today, that might be the mantra of Calgary's Green Line LRT project by some of its most dedicated business supporters, such as Black.

"It's a therapeutic way to maybe take the edge off of it, and this idea that the Green Line wasn't dead yet," the president of the Calgary Construction Association said about the video.

"And I was sending it out as a bit of a hope message as well for folks."

Black is certainly hoping death isn't the fate of Calgary's long-awaited LRT development after the Green Line was declared DOA by city council on Sept. 17.

Its decision to wind down the project came after the province withdrew its funding for the $6.2-billion project earlier this month.

The amount of money already spent on the proposal and funds needed to wrap up the existing work is staggering, topping $2.1 billion.

Then came news Friday afternoon that Mayor Jyoti Gondek had a productive meeting with Premier Danielle Smith and Transportation Minister Devin Dreeshen to discuss work the city has already completed, and how it might fit with the province's aspirations for a southeast LRT project in Calgary.

"We might have turned a corner," said Black, whose group represents more than 850 construction companies.

"We had called out the need for saner minds to sit down and set aside politics and salvage a project on Calgarians' behalf."

Gondek had sent what she called a "Hail Mary" letter to the province the day before Friday's session. It wasn't about saving the reconfigured Green Line, which was slated to run from the city's downtown to Lynnwood-Millican.

Instead, it was about salvaging parts of the former proposal and existing contracts in place, along with hundreds of jobs.

"From a business standpoint, this is exactly what we need.

SEE GREEN LINE ON A6

Doctors need new pay plan now: AMA

JACKIE CARMICHAEL

Newly sworn in as the president of the Alberta Medical Association, Dr. Shelley Duggan embodies the very dilemma her organization is desperate to shed light on.

She recently got a "Dear John" letter from her own primary care physician who is closing her clinic. Now Duggan's joining the swelling ranks of hundreds of thousands of Albertans — ironically, a doctor without a family doctor.

"I'm one of those 850,000 Albertans. Yep, I no longer have a family physician," she said Monday.

Without the long-expected stabilization, and with inflation and an influx of patients new to the province, doctors running clinics and emergency rooms alike are overwhelmed, Duggan said.

"One of our members stood up at the representative forum and told the minister that her clinic has a date set for making the decision for closing. That would be another 5,000 patients that would then become unattached," she said.

Family physicians are a critical first line of defence during the approaching respiratory virus season — and there wasn't the usual pre-season lull in the emergency rooms, Duggan said.

"Sometimes emergency physicians would start their shifts with 50 or 60 people in the waiting room, and still have to manage patients handed over to them by the last person on shift because there hasn't been a consultant to see those patients yet. We know those numbers are going to go up, up, up for the next few months. We're in for very trying times."

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Jeanne Beker will co-curate an exhibit at the Glenbow Museum that honours her career in Canadian fashion. She says she hopes the retrospective inspires young people to "pursue their ambitions with passion."

Glenbow honours a Canadian fashion icon

Exhibit explores the influence of Jeanne Beker

MACKENZIE RHODE

Calgary's Glenbow Museum has announced an upcoming exhibition meant to explore and honour the legacy of Canadian fashion icon Jeanne Beker and her influence on pop culture.

The exhibition, titled Obsession: The Unscripted Life of Jeanne Beker, will be co-curated by Beker and Paul Hardy, and promises an intersection of art, fashion, music and storytelling. The two designers met in the early 2000s at Toronto Fashion Week, where Beker likened Hardy's talent to that of Marc Jacobs or Stella McCartney.

The co-curators use art, fashion and music to tell Beker's "uniquely Canadian" story, according to the museum, and how she became a household name through her nearly-three decades of work as the host of Fashion Television.

Beker took her love of performing and used it to build a career rooted in passion. In addition to her work as a television personality, she is an experienced fashion and lifestyle journalist, editor and interviewer.

"Through her gifted skill set of writing, storytelling and innate ability to connect with people, Beker pioneered new forms of reporting, that in turn democratized public access to industries like music and fashion that had been largely veiled in exclusivity," Glenbow officials said in a news release.

Hardy, in a statement through Glenbow, says Beker's "incredible life story" is at the centre of the exhibition. The designers brought together personal belongings, industry items and fashion from Beker's wardrobe — all from designers she has interviewed — to create the deeply personal exhibition.

"For years, Jeanne has brought a humanity to music, fashion and gave voice to faces and social causes she had a conviction about," he said.

Beker, who will be in Calgary on Oct. 20 for a WordFest event at the Central Library to promote her memoir, Heart On My Sleeve, hopes this retrospective of her career will serve as inspiration for young people to "pursue their ambitions with passion and faith, knowing that with hard work, even the grandest dreams can come true."

"As a child of immigrant parents, who were also Holocaust survivors, I was raised to dream and believe, be fearless and tenacious," Beker said in a statement through Glenbow.

Beker and Hardy both have a history with Glenbow, with Hardy serving as Glenbow's Artist in Residence in 2015, culminating in the exhibition Kaleidoscopic Animalia, and Beker having previously supported the museum's annual fundraiser, Schmancy Gala.

Glenbow's chief operating officer and vice-president of engagement Melanie Kjorlien said in a news release that the museum is committed to telling unique stories, describing the exhibition as "unlike anything people may have seen before at Glenbow or elsewhere. We're looking at how storytelling has shaped social culture and self-expression — as told through Jeanne's incredible career."

This will be one of the feature exhibitions when the museum reopens in 2026 at the JR Shaw Centre for Arts & Culture after closing in 2021 for Glenbow Reimagined, a multi-year renovation project intended to enhance visitor experience and improve museum access.

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Academics say new legislation could jeopardize federal funds

HIREN MANSUKHANI

Mount Royal University staff and faculty will gather outside the institution on Tuesday to protest proposed Alberta legislation that would prevent funding agreements with the federal government without provincial approval.

Bill 18 — the Provincial Priorities Act — which received royal assent in May, forbids a "provincial entity" from entering, extending, amending or renewing intergovernmental contracts without approval.

The definition of a provincial entity includes post-secondary institutions, and researchers fear Alberta will use the legislation to violate academic freedom.

"It increases the red tape specifically around researchers being able to access federal funding, which is a significant impact," said Brenda Lang, president of the Mount Royal Faculty Association.

Alberta's advanced education minister has stressed the bill is not intended to obstruct federal money for post-secondary institutions.

"I don't believe the intent of this bill is to stop funding," Rajan Sawhney said. "It's to have an understanding and knowledge and information about what is being funded."

However, she added: "We want to make sure that this funding does align with provincial priorities."

Premier Danielle Smith has hinted that the bill is meant to increase transparency. She claimed Ottawa provides funding "in a certain way, based on a certain ideology, and that's what we're going to be able to determine once that becomes a lot more transparent," Smith has previously said.

Smith's statement, Lang said, is false.



Staff at Mount Royal University planned a demonstration for Tuesday to protest against provisions in Alberta's Bill 18. GAVIN YOUNG FILES

As University of Calgary professor Lisa Young writes, federal money for academic research is mainly doled out to three arm's-length councils — the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR); the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC); and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

The councils gather panels of independent academics and researchers across the nation, who collect applications for grants and recommend which projects should be approved. The federal government has no involvement in those decisions.

The provincial regulation, however, will ensure the research projects funded by the councils are agreeable to the province.

"It's the provincial government that's actually doing what it accuses the federal government of doing," Lang said.

University of Alberta law professor Eric Adams in an earlier interview said the government may not impede research on issues that it has an ideological position on, although he asked the province to clarify its intentions.

"It's incumbent on the government to very quickly indicate that there is no interest or capacity to individually police the kinds of research that professors are undertaking at our provincial universities," he said.

Although Bill 18 has received royal assent, it remains in the developmental stage. The ministry has been meeting with researchers and listening to their concerns.

Dr. Robert Sutherland, a University of Lethbridge neuroscience professor whose projects have been funded by CIHR and NSERC, was part of a roundtable with other researchers in Alberta and representatives of the ministry.

The researchers said the provincial regulations could add years to their project, which would be detrimental to their competitiveness and relationships with colleagues outside the region. "It would place Alberta researchers at a terrible handicap relative to researchers in other provinces," Sutherland said.

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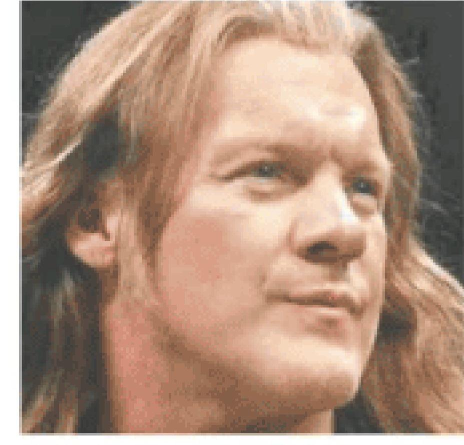
Pro-wrestler Jericho set to walk the red carpet at CIFF this week to promote his new horror flick

ERIC VOLMERS

Pro-wrestler, singer and actor Chris Jericho will be walking the red carpet on Thursday at the Calgary International Film Festival before the screening of the horror flick Dark Match.

The film, which was shot in Edmonton, is about a struggling wrestler named Miss Behave (played by Ayshia Issa) who joins fellow grapplers in a series of non-televised bouts in a rural area overrun with Satanists.

Jericho, who grew up in Winnipeg, plays a character named The Prophet, according to Internet Movie Database.



Chris Jericho

While he currently wrestles for All Elite Wrestling (AEW), Jericho had a long career in World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE), where he was world champion numerous times.

He was often billed as coming from Calgary, which is where he trained at the Hart Brothers School of Wrestling.

On Thursday, Jericho will be joined by director Lowell Dean and castmates Issa, Mo Jabari and Justin Lawrick.

Dark Match also stars Calgary expat and Walking Dead star Steven Ogg, Wynonna Earp's Michael Eklund and Edmonton-raised actress Sara Canning.

The red carpet starts at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Globe Cinema. There is an encore screening Sunday, Sept. 29, at Scotiabank Theatre Chinook at 11 a.m.

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A resident who has lived along Haddon Road S.W. for 20 years claims the speed limit reduction has done little to slow down traffic. "There was speeding before. ... I think it's more now, because people are using it more," said Sheila, who declined to share her last name. STEVEN WILHELM

'These are places where people live'

More Calgary residents asking the city to have speed limits reduced to 40 km/h

STEVEN WILHELM

Three years after speed limits were lowered on residential Calgary streets, communities across the city are requesting the change on more roads.

In 2021, unposted speed limits across Calgary were lowered from 50 km/h to 40 km/h, a change that affected mostly residential streets.

Since then, the City of Calgary has received 105 requests to review speed limits on collector roads, which connect neighbourhoods to busier areas and typically have a centre line.

Received through 311, councillor requests and community associations, each request for a speed limit change is assessed by the city to determine if it meets established criteria. Those include existing traffic calming measures, the length of the road, if the average speed of drivers is "consistently" below the current limit, traffic volume and whether there is a bus route.

Of the speed limit review requests, 67 have been approved across the city, 19 remain under review and another 19 failed to meet requirements, according to Tony Churchill, the city's senior leader of mobility safety.

"A lot of those are on collector roadways where we didn't have data when we were doing the initial (2021) assessment," he said. "We've been collecting data where we've had requests to review the speeds for reduction."

Churchill says the requests often come from people that have houses facing the roadways.

"They feel uncomfortable and unsafe with the speeds at which vehicles are driving by their houses," he said. "Quite often it's just concern about safety or near misses that they're experiencing."

There are also concerns about difficulty getting onto the road, difficulty crossing the road and noise complaints, according to Churchill.

"These are places where people live, and they would like to have the same speed and level of safety that people who live on residential roadways have."

Churchill said every one per cent reduction in speed results in a two per cent reduction to all collisions on average, a three per cent reduction in "injury" collisions and a four per cent reduction for fatal collisions.

"We know that there's still some people who don't abide by the speed limits but it seems like, overall, our averages are improving," Churchill said. "People are being a little bit more compliant with speed."

Edmonton put in place a similar reduction to 40 km/h in 2021 and the Town of Canmore went down to 30 km/h in 2023.

The way road environments are built can also be a "very strong signal" to drivers about what the appropriate speed is, said Churchill.

"On some of our narrower roads, particularly if there are curb extensions, but even if they're just heavily parked, people do change their behaviour," he said. "Changing the road environment is definitely something we know influences people's choice of speed."

In June 2023, city data showed that drivers reduced their speed by between 0.8 to 2.5 km/h since the lowering of unposted limits.

At that time, the 0.8 km/h reduction was measured on collector roads; reductions on residential roads were from 1.6 km/h to 2.5 km/h. "It's kind of what we expected if we were changing the speed limit without changing the built environment," Churchill said in 2023.

He says the city has yet to do a "comprehensive review" like that of 2023, but there have been observed indications that speed limit compliance is continuing to improve for residential and collector roadways.

Of the 67 roads that have been reduced, 34 are in southwest Calgary, 12 are in the southeast, 17 are in the northwest and four are in the northeast.

Lakeview Drive S.W. is one of the many roads in the quadrant that has seen speeds go from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

Dave Quon has lived on the street for more than 40 years, and he believes the change has made a difference.

"Do people keep 40? Not really, they're still going 50 ... but when it was 50, they were going 60," Quon said. "So it has kind of slowed it down a bit."

He said people have been doing a better job "abiding" by the limit, noting that the occasional police presence has helped.

Sofia Fosado has for two years owned a home on 5th Avenue N.W., which also had its speed limit reduced to 40 km/h.

Her home also has a playground zone nearby and she says there are many families with young kids in the neighbourhood.

"I don't see the speed in this area being a concern. It's more just the level of traffic or the amount of drivers on the street," Fosado said.

Particularly during peak "rush hour" times, she says it can take as much as 15 minutes to leave her home due to traffic. Despite this, she's never had a concern for safety when out walking, or issues with drivers not stopping.

Some collector roads where speeds have been reduced have 40 km/h signs posted, while others are without signs or "unposted," like most other residential streets.

Churchill says the city generally doesn't post the default or the "unposted" speed limit, with some exceptions.

"That's really just to reduce the number of signs on our entire network that we need to install and then maintain," he said.

Exceptions are if someone is turning off of a roadway where the speed limit is 20 km/h higher or more — for example, from 60 km/h to 40 km/h.

The city will also post for "roadways that continue" but the speed limit changes.

But a resident who's lived along Haddon Road S.W. for 20 years claims the speed limit reduction has done little to slow down traffic.

"There was speeding before. ... I think it's more now, because people are using it more," said Sheila, who declined to share her last name.

She believes more people have turned to the road as an alternative to the nearby and far busier Macleod Trail during busy times.

"I think the majority of the problem is people cutting through just because there are no lights," she said. "I don't know what the answer is."

Sheila suggested the possibility of speed bumps — the road has multiple playground zones — more signage or regular speed monitoring to quell the issue.

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City eyes 2026 for permanent residential school memorial

SCOTT STRASSER

The city is launching a competition to determine who will conceptualize a memorial for children who attended residential schools — a permanent installation that will be located at the birthplace of modern-day Calgary.

But while the design competition is now underway, the memorial itself is likely still a few years away from being unveiled publicly, city councillors heard Monday, during the city's first meeting that focused solely on Indigenous-themed topics.

The city released a request for pre-qualifications this month to determine a shortlist of five Indigenous-led applicants to design the memorial. The top five candidates will submit their concepts via a request for proposal in November, and a competition jury will determine the winner in March.

Construction is likely still more than a year from commencing, however, as the development will first need to receive the provincial government's go-ahead through a Historic Resource Impact Assessment.


The Confluence, formerly known as Fort Calgary, will be the location of the city's permanent residential school memorial. GAVIN YOUNG FILES

As was announced last Sept. 30, (a holiday now recognized as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) the permanent memorial will be located at The Confluence Historic Site and Parkland — the local history museum formerly known as Fort Calgary.

The memorial will be built on a city-owned plot of land near the Bow River pathway. A marker is currently placed at the future memorial's site, which lies on a 10,000-square-metre, triangle-shaped parcel with a 419-m perimeter.

The permanent outdoor installation will replace a temporary memorial that has stood on the steps out front of Calgary's municipal building since 2021. That memorial features rows of more than 200 children's shoes, as well as stuffed animals and candles. It was set up after the potential remains of 215 children were discovered by ground-penetrating radar at the site of a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C.

On Monday, representatives from the city's Indigenous Relations Office told council the memorial at The Confluence will honour both the children who lost their lives at residential schools and those who survived the experience.

Harold Horsefall from the city's Indigenous Relations Office said the memorial is intended to provide a space for community gatherings, spiritual events such as drumming and singing, and reconciliation-themed education programming that teaches visitors "the dark side of the Indian Residential School experience in the hopes that such an experience never repeats itself."

Before construction can begin, the site will need to undergo a historic resource impact assessment, due to its proximity to the former Fort Calgary. According to Horsefall, that process will last about 10 months, and could be longer if an archeological dig reveals historic artifacts in the earth.

"We cannot begin this process until we have a design and we cannot begin construction until we have completed that historic resource impact assessment," Horsefall said. "While we're optimistic we can begin and enter the construction phase late in 2025, it's more likely the construction phase will not begin until quarter two of 2026."

At the end of Monday's meeting, council voted to direct administration to return next year with the preferred design concept and a future funding request.

Council approved a $1-million project budget in 2022 but, according to Monday's report, the memorial could ultimately cost up to $5 million.

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ALBERTA'S DOCTORS DROP THEIR GLOVES ON CARE COLLAPSE

Physicians warn health care is falling apart as UCP faces rising pressure on nurses' pay



DON BRAID

Alberta doctors have scary arguments to back their demands for quick action on health care. The latest is the case of a man who died while waiting in an emergency room.

Another would-be patient, waiting nearby, reported the person was "unresponsive." He proved to be beyond help.

This was reported by Dr. Paul Parks, former president of the Alberta Medical Association, and Dr. Shelley Duggan, who replaces him.

Doctors attended a "representative forum" in Calgary on the weekend. They spoke for every corner of our complex health system.

At a news conference Monday, Parks said, "The physicians that I talked to, of the 155 at the forum, all said they are aware of patients having very bad outcomes and patients dying because of the worsening health-care system."

The government accuses him of hyperbole, but Parks no longer cares. "I'm not going to mince my words anymore," he said.

Ex-presidents of the AMA usually fade into the background. These two have agreed to work together as a vocal team.

Parks is an ER doctor in Medicine Hat. Duggan is a critical-care specialist working in Edmonton ICUs. They see the system at its most urgent points.

Parks said — and this is really shocking — "Now we're having patients discharged from the ICU out into the community, not stabilized in a hospital bed, because the system is just collapsing."

In other words, the sickest patients are sometimes sent home when they should be getting post-ICU care.

Duggan spoke of her own fears. "I will tell you that I have never seen in all my years our acute-care system in the state that it is today. It's worse than things were at the height of the pandemic and it's going down, and I'm in fear for what's going to happen as respiratory virus season hits us.

"We are deeply, sincerely afraid that the health-care system in Alberta is ready to collapse past the point of repair any time soon, and because we must advocate for our patients, our patience has come to an end."

That's the AMA catchphrase — losing patience on behalf of patients — but they don't need to be clever about this. The facts are devastating enough.

The AMA surveyed family doctors recently and found that only 13 per cent are taking new patients.

Fifty-eight per cent of family physicians are considering leaving their practices, including 15 per cent in the remainder of this year and 2025.

The old system of paying doctors for each visit with a patient simply doesn't work any longer.

And there's the flashpoint. For many months, the United Conservative Party has agreed that a new physician comprehensive care model is ready to roll out.

In fact, it's supposed to be implemented by the end of this month.

Everybody, including the government, agrees this is essential to stop the rapid decline in size and numbers of family practices.

But the UCP keeps delaying implementation. Duggan now fears that the new system won't happen in this budget year.

On Monday, Health Minister Adriana LaGrange's office said in a statement: "Our government will continue to work with the AMA to finalize the key details of this model as soon as possible.

"Alberta's government has committed an additional $257 million to stabilize the delivery of primary care, with $157 million allocated for this year alone."

The statement also says the UCP has asked physicians "to work with us to identify opportunities to stabilize these growing expenditures."

The pay pressure on government is building.

In Ontario, an arbitrator has awarded doctors a 10 per cent one-year funding increase.

The United Nurses of Alberta demanded a 25 per cent single-year increase at the beginning of negotiations.

The nurses are now in "informal mediation" with the government. UNA president Heather Smith hints darkly of job action if there's no resolution.

The UCP also faces contract talks with the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, health science workers and post-secondaries.

The doctors suspect that their deal is stalled because the UCP doesn't want a public precedent that might raise the demands elsewhere.

"I think they're worried about the first one to drop," says David Harrigan, the nurses' chief negotiator.

Many patients have a lot more than that to worry about; for some, their very lives.

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Dr. Paul Parks, a Medicine Hat-based ER doctor and Alberta Medical Association ex-president, says patients are being "discharged from the ICU out into the community, not stabilized in a hospital bed." DARREN MAKOWICHUK

Funds spent reorganizing a 'burning' system: AMA

DOCTORS FROM A1

Between Premier Danielle Smith's Alberta Calling campaign and displaced persons fleeing war-torn lands, by the end of 2024, AMA members expect another 200,000 new prospective patients.

"We heard the premier talk about needing schools. We've not had an influx of doctors to meet that demand, and we've certainly not had investment in health care to meet that demand," Duggan said.

"They've had surpluses, but they are willing to invest for a rainy day. The problem is that it's pouring rain right now in health care."

AGREEMENT HELD BACK

There have been government announcements from October 2023 onward — a memorandum of understanding to talk about it, a Feb. 2 promise to discuss it with health professionals while on a tour around the province, an April 17 announcement of a new physician compensation model framework that the government expected to make Alberta a "national leader in recruiting and retaining primary care physicians."

But the AMA says the plan is complete.

"I want to put any sort of claims to bed that we're still working on it," Duggan told Postmedia.

"It's done. It's been on the desk for signing to go to Treasury for months now, since April, and the AMA has been working in the background on implementation because we were certainly given many, many signals that it was going to happen soon."

While Duggan said there's a desperate need for investment into the health-care system, Smith's decision to use money and energy splitting it into four organizations — each with its own CEO — doesn't make fiscal sense, she said.

"We certainly are concerned that having four pillars instead of one integrated system is not going to be good for patients. We're going to have a lack of co-ordination across the system. And we know the government is spending a substantial amount of money, although we don't know the actual dollar figure, but there's a lot of time and money being spent into reorganizing the system that is burning down," Duggan said.

Asked Monday about the continuing subdivision of Alberta Health into four separate divisions, Health Minister Adriana LaGrange's office issued a statement.

"Alberta's government continues to take significant action to refocus the health care system so Albertans can get the right care when and where they need it most," she said, promising more information in the coming weeks.

Asked about the lingering primary care model agreement, LaGrange's office said the government is committed to finalizing a new physician primary care compensation model that is financially sustainable and supports both physicians and Albertans into the future.

LaGrange pointed to a previously announced $257 million "to stabilize the delivery of primary care" and a "record investment in physician compensation in Budget 2024 of $6.7 billion."

LaGrange said the expenditures "are growing far above population plus inflation."

She said as part of the "ongoing collaboration" with the AMA, "we've asked them to work with us to identify opportunities to stabilize these growing expenditures."

Asked about a finished agreement referred to by the AMA announced as pending in April and again in August of this year, LaGrange promised Monday to continue to work with the AMA "to finalize the key details of this model as soon as possible."

Sarah Hoffman, Alberta NDP shadow minister for health, said Monday she's met with doctors on the verge of closing their practices.

"When Albertans don't have family doctors, they end up in emergency rooms with medical conditions that could have been prevented or treated early. This is bad for patients and more expensive care," she said, urging the government to complete the agreement.

"Instead of causing more chaos, the government should prioritize patients and health-care workers," Hoffman said.

NEW QUALITY CONTROL

While the government is hiving off Alberta Health into four distinct organizations, at least until March 2025 it is pulling them all under the umbrella of one quality control mechanism to make sure the four work together.

LaGrange announced Monday Dr. Lyle Oberg will be heading up the seamless patient experience review, to hold accountable the agencies responsible for primary care, urgent care, continuing care and the newly-created Recovery Alberta (for mental health and addiction).

This is expected to "make sure that when new provincial health agencies become operational, service providers deliver care in a manner that puts patients and their health first."

"It's a review to ensure Albertans using the health care system have an integrated, consistent and seamless patient experience," said a release from LaGrange's office.

Oberg will provide "recommendations to the integration council on the implementation of seamless patient experiences in the context of the refocused health care system."

"When we began refocusing the health care system, we said that improving the patient journey would be at the centre of this work. I am confident Dr. Oberg will provide insightful recommendations that will support the overall efforts to improve health care for all Albertans," LaGrange said.

Oberg will report directly to the minister of health and will provide an interim report in December to support the launch of the new provincial health agencies. A final report with recommendations will be provided to the integration council in March 2025.

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CALGARY SENIORS HOUSING FORUM

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The CSHFS are passionate about helping older adults access the right housing for their specific needs. *GETTY IMAGES*

Navigating the complexities of senior housing can be overwhelming, but the Calgary Seniors Housing Forum Society (CSHFS) is here to help. The society is holding two events to support area seniors.

On Thursday, Oct. 3 and Monday, Oct. 21, CSHFS will feature comprehensive presentations on the full range of housing options available to Calgary seniors. These informative events will take place at two separate locations to reach as many people as possible. In the northeast on Oct. 3, they are located at the Don Hartman Sportsplex, 5206 68th St. N.E. and in the northwest on Oct. 21 at the Bow Valley Church, 5300 53rd Ave. N.W. All area seniors, their families and caregivers are encouraged to attend.

"Understanding what resources you may need to stay in your own home or, if you need to move, accessing information and resources, is critical. For the last 16 years the CSHFS has been providing Calgarians with resources and information," explains CSHFS president Cathy Hume. "In October there will be two free presentations that will reach seniors in the north quadrant of the city. We know transportation can be an issue, so attendees are able to select from the two separate presentations."

The forum will offer more than just presentations. With over 20 tables of information at the northeast event and representatives from a wide variety of senior-focused resources, attendees will have access to personalized advice and information about the services and support available in Calgary. Whether it's independent living, assisted living, memory care or other support systems, the event aims to equip seniors with the tools they need to make informed decisions about their future housing needs.

The CSHFS is a dedicated group of housing experts, business owners and volunteers who are passionate about helping older adults access the right housing for their specific needs. Their presentations will focus on providing a detailed overview of housing options, financial considerations and how to choose the right living environment based on individual preferences and needs.

In addition to the housing overview, attendees will learn how to properly assess each type of housing, including important factors such as cost, location, available support services and the level of care offered. By understanding these key elements, seniors can make choices that best fit their personal and financial situations.

Hume explains that if seniors are choosing to stay at home, then they will need resources and supports that will enable them to live the quality of life they had hoped for. Hume adds that "social isolation can affect one in four older adults," which can impact their physical and mental health and quality of life."

She goes on to explain that some of the key factors seniors should consider are living alone, loss of family connections, change in health status or the loss of a driver's license. What does make a positive impact is taking proactive steps to learn as much as you can about the types of housing and resources available to seniors.

It's important to note that loneliness and social isolation can affect everyone, but it does seem to intensify with age. As social circles get smaller, it becomes more difficult to maintain or make new social connections.

When making a decision on housing options, Hume believes that engaging family and friends to support you can be quite beneficial.

"If family are nearby, they can play a vital role in supporting their loved one and see what level of housing is appropriate for them, as well as collect information and assist them in understanding all the options." Hume stressed that family members cannot assert their wants over what the older adult is hoping for.

"The journey to find housing is about personal choice and understanding options that fit the person. Not what is best for the children's wants." Since families can play a large role in assisting seniors with their plans, families are encouraged to attend the free presentations as a support and partner in helping their parents make the right choice for themselves.

Hume ends by saying that "this journey should be filled with compassion, empathy and understanding."

Don't miss these two invaluable opportunities to gain clarity on Calgary's senior housing options and access the wealth of resources available to support older adults. Mark your calendars for Oct. 3 and 21 and join the CSHFS for a day of learning and empowerment.

For more information about the CSHFS and the upcoming event, visit the events page on the Calgary SeniorsHousingForumSociety.ca.

CSHFS SENIOR LIVING HOUSING OPTIONS PRESENTATIONS

NE CALGARY
- Thursday, October 3rd, 2024
- Don Hartman NE Sportsplex 5206 - 68 Street NE
- Doors Open: 12:30 pm
- 1:00-2:00 Speakers
- 2:00-3:00 Resource Fair
- Eventbrite Register: https://tinyurl.com/CSHFS24OCT3

NW CALGARY
- Monday, October 21st, 2024
- Bow Valley Church, 5300 - 53 Avenue NW
- Doors Open: 9:30 am
- 10:00-12:00 Speakers
- Eventbrite Register: https://tinyurl.com/CSHFSOct21

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Former city councillor Magliocca will not be testifying at fraud trial, lawyer says

He's facing allegations of filing false expense claims for drinks and dinners

KEVIN MARTIN

Joe Magliocca won't be taking the witness stand at his trial for allegedly padding his Calgary city council expense claims, his lawyer said Monday.

Defence counsel Aryan Sadat told Justice Gord Wong he will be calling evidence in Magliocca's defence, after Crown prosecutor Aaron Rankin closed his case.

Sadat said he wasn't prepared to open the defence case because his first witness wasn't available Monday afternoon and may not be able to testify until Wednesday.

"You're clear that you will not be calling your client?" Wong asked about Magliocca.

"Yes, I have those instructions," Sadat said.

"I'm not calling Mr. Magliocca to the stand."

Magliocca faces charges of fraud and breach of trust by a public officer in connection with allegations he filed false expense claims for drinks or dinners for guests during official conferences.

Rankin closed his case by calling an independent auditor who was hired by the City of Calgary to look into Magliocca's expense claims.

The prosecutor had sought the admissibility of an interview conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers employee Steven Malette for the purpose of making a report to city council in which the auditor had spoken to Magliocca in 2020.

Rankin wanted Wong to rule Malette wasn't a person in authority so the prosecutor could use the content in cross-examining the accused if he were to testify.

Sadat sought to have the interview and report, which weren't made a court exhibit, ruled inadmissible, arguing Malette was an agent of the City of Calgary and therefore could be construed as a person in authority.

Wong agreed Malette was an agent for the city, but that didn't make him an agent for the police or prosecution, so he wasn't in a position of authority.

After Wong said the prosecutor could use the auditor's report to question Magliocca, the defence lawyer indicated his client wouldn't be taking the witness stand.

During Magliocca's trial, which began two weeks ago, court heard from a parade of witnesses who were claimed to have been beneficiaries of the former Ward 2 councillor's largesse.

Among them was Ottawa city council member Tim Tierney, who said he found it "a little shocking" when he learned he'd been listed as a guest of Magliocca on two occasions.

Tierney said he wasn't even in Calgary on Oct. 18, 2018, when a receipt suggested he and Magliocca were together for a late meal at Hy's Steakhouse.

Former Edmonton mayor Don Iveson said he was not in Laval, Que., on March 7, 2018, when a receipt included him on a list of people at a dinner at P.F. Chang's restaurant for which Magliocca filed an expense.

The case is back in court Tuesday to determine if Sadat can bring in one of his three proposed witnesses by then.


Joe Magliocca

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Province, city show 'a willingness to work together' to salvage LRT

GREEN LINE FROM A1

"We need to see collaboration," Calgary Chamber of Commerce CEO Deborah Yedlin said Monday.

"I'm more hopeful now than I was last week."

David Cooper, principal of transportation planning firm Leading Mobility Consulting, believes it's essential the two sides look to maintain components from the Green Line LRT plan that they generally agree upon, such as the section extending south from Fourth Street S.E. to Shepard.

It's also critical to retain staff and expertise, given that there are a dozen other major transit projects underway across Canada.

"What happened on Friday was pretty significant, in a positive sense. What you want to do right now is minimize delays and minimize risks," Cooper said.

"Both the province and the city have probably realized that the public acceptance of spending $2.1 billion — to get nothing — is incredibly damaging. And I think that's what came to a head last week."

Yet, there's still a long way to go before Calgary's zombie LRT project is resurrected after nearly a decade of starts and stops.

The Smith government had said the project was too expensive and didn't get far enough into Calgary's southeast to serve growing communities.

City officials said they were side-swiped by the province's letter to withdraw its promised funding, leaving Calgary facing massive financial risks and no ability to keep current activities going.

About 1,000 people worked on the development before layoff notices started going out last week.

So what's changed?

Perhaps everyone is now looking for a way to save face and not get stuck carrying the blame for the pending financial calamity.

Perhaps it's an honest move by all sides to find a practical solution.

More importantly, perhaps there's a reasonable way to prevent people from losing their jobs and taxpayers from needlessly losing money, while getting much-needed rapid transit built.

"The contracts that we think could possibly be salvaged would mean that 600 to 700 people would retain their employment," Gondek told reporters Friday.

"I think we're at a new time where we understand the gravity of the situation and anything is possible moving forward."

Dreeshen also described Friday as a productive discussion with Calgary's mayor.

There's an understanding that officials on both sides will sit down and share information, contracts and reports in the coming days.

Provincial officials said Monday another meeting with the premier and mayor will likely take place later this week.

"There was a willingness to work together to make sure that we could hopefully see construction and track finally being laid on the Green Line next year," Dreeshen said in an interview.

The province has hired an infrastructure project consultancy to examine a different route alignment — ditching the city's plan for tunnelling downtown — and report back on its analysis by December.

After all of the public battles, Dreeshen said he's optimistic both sides can work together on a Calgary Green Line project.


Bill Black

"Politics will always be politics, but I think at a working level, my officials and the city officials seem very willing to work together and make sure that this new alignment, come December, is something that will actually work."

And maybe, just maybe, this megaproject isn't over quite yet.

"We had kept using the analogy that the body is still warm and projects have been rescued from bigger brinks than this," Black said.

"It just took a change in mindset."

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Allison Webb, chief marketing and people officer, and Craig Senyk, board chair of Mawer Investment Management Ltd. ALL PHOTOS: WIL ANDRUSCHAK/POSTMEDIA CONTENT WORKS

Mawer celebrates 50 years as one of Canada's top investment firms

JOEL SCHLESINGER
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Fifty years in business says a lot. That's certainly the case with one of Canada's most successful independent asset managers, Calgary-based Mawer Investment Management Ltd.

"We've weathered a lot of different market ups and downs over that time," says Craig Senyk, board chair at Mawer Investment Management.

From the skyrocketing inflation of the 1970s to the 2008-09 financial crisis to the COVID-19 pandemic bear market, Mawer has grown its clients' capital through many storms. The firm has had one guiding light through it all.

"I remember when I started in 1997, and founder Chuck Mawer said to me, 'As long as you do the right thing, I never have to worry about our company's future.'

Since its founding in 1974, Mawer has consistently done the right thing. But this goes beyond delivering award-winning investment performance. Serving some of Canada's largest pension funds, wealthiest families and millions of working and retired Canadians, Mawer's commitment extends to creating lasting value for its clients – shaping financial futures with integrity and expertise.

"Doing the right thing is also building a strong culture for our workers, one that attracts and retains the best employees," Senyk says, adding Mawer has consistently been named one of Canada's top workplaces.

It also involves doing right by its ownership group, which in turn is also its workers, given Mawer is an employee-owned company.

"Lastly, doing the right thing means giving back to our community," says Senyk.

Mawer stands out as a Certified Caring Company, a designation that reflects its commitment to giving back by donating at least one per cent of pre-tax profits to the community.

The company is also driven largely by its Calgary roots, which has allowed the firm to stay true to its values while navigating the complexities of the financial world.

"One of the biases in the wealth industry is groupthink, and so there is an advantage being away from Bay Street and Wall Street," Senyk says.

Another key factor in Mawer's success is its commitment to innovation, using artificial intelligence to enhance research and client services.

"As long as we keep doing the right thing, Mawer will continue building wealth for clients, our employees and community for the next 50 years," Senyk says.



Stephanie McPhee is the director of sales at RGO Calgary.

RGO: Elevating client experiences in modern spaces

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RGO goes beyond traditional office solutions, creating inviting, functional spaces where people work, live and play. As one of Alberta's leading workspace innovators, RGO empowers businesses to design environments that inspire collaboration, whether in-person or remote.

"Our focus is on designing comfortable, collaborative spaces, integrating advanced technology like video conferencing to enhance remote and in-office teamwork," explains Stephanie McPhee, director of furniture sales. With more companies investing in reimagined offices post-pandemic, RGO's expertise ensures that spaces are not only visually appealing but functional and adaptable for modern needs.

RGO's impact extends beyond corporate office settings, offering solutions for educational, health care and senior living spaces. Their approach transforms environments, ensuring that every design promotes connection and well-being. "We don't just offer desks and chairs; we design spaces that support collaboration and wellness," says McPhee.

RGO excels in designing hybrid workspaces tailored to the evolving needs of businesses. "Many of our clients need meeting rooms that cater equally to remote and in-person attendees," McPhee notes. "Our designs make sure every participant has a seamless experience, no matter where they are."

With almost 60 years of expertise, RGO has established itself as a trusted partner in Alberta, providing client-focused solutions that seamlessly combine functionality, collaboration and comfort.

The commitment to enhancing the client experience is at the heart of every project the company undertakes, shaping spaces that make everyone want to pull up a chair and participate.

EY supports city's women tech entrepreneurs

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Kim Dalton, a Calgary partner at EY, a leading global professional services firm, is recognized in the city's tech sector as a key supporter of women entrepreneurs.

"I wear two hats at the firm in Calgary; those are leading women entrepreneur initiatives and being the market leader for the technology sector," says Dalton, who also works in EY's private assurance practice, providing financial auditing among other corporate services to private companies. "These are truly passion projects for me."

Dalton isn't alone in her passion for helping women in tech turn their ideas into successful startups and thriving enterprises. EY is renowned in Calgary, across the province and globally for turning new tech entrepreneurs into future industry leaders.

In Calgary, the tech sector, in particular, is experiencing rapid growth.

"As Calgary diversifies and lowers its dependency on the oil and gas industry, the technology sector has really taken off with many laid off energy professionals jumping into the tech sector with fresh ideas for businesses," says Dalton.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of tech startups have launched in Calgary over the past decade, and a growing number of them are led by women. Dalton points to one female tech-preneur who started a business coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, whom she worked with over the past few years.

"Her company was growing rapidly, reaching nearly $5 million in revenues annually, and when we got involved, we got her into the EY Entrepreneurial Winning Women program," Dalton says, adding that the program connected her client with 20 other women entrepreneurs from around North America.

Kim Dalton, partner at EY poses in the Calgary EY offices.

The initiative provides women founders with the resources, network and access needed to help unlock their full potential. It also provides invites to events such as the EY Strategic Growth Forum in the United States, which Dalton describes as 'Disneyland for entrepreneurs,' featuring numerous investors and mentors to help scaling tech firms grow.

Dalton is a critical liaison, connecting these women with the right experts at the right time.

The impact of her efforts is evident in measurable financial results, she says.

"That tech-preneur earning $5 million in revenues is now seeing her revenue double annually, and now expecting to see $25 million in sales this year."

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OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More effort needed to provide housing

Re: George Brookman's column Downtown Calgary Facing Overwhelming Crisis, Sept. 20, 2024:

I agree that more needs to be done to effectively address the challenges facing houseless, vulnerable people living in our downtown and elsewhere in Calgary. We already know the "more" that will have the biggest and most long-lasting positive effect for houseless people is adequate, appropriate and affordable housing.

A safe, warm place to live is key for everyone — why aren't we marshalling every resource to make this happen? Marry housing with investments in proven but woefully underfunded alcohol and drug treatment resources, emergency drug recovery/supervision sites so people continuing to use don't die from that decision, and remedial education/employment opportunities.

We and all orders of government need to focus on what vulnerable people say they need most for that chance at becoming a contributing member of society again — housing and supports.

Joe Ceci, Alberta NDP MLA for Calgary-Buffalo

Embrace vision for Green Line

Re: Calgary mayor blasts Province of Alberta

Mayor Jyoti Gondek needs to stop behaving like a petulant child over the province's decision to rethink the Green Line. It reflects poorly on her and the city.

Instead, let's be grateful for the province's reality injection on a project that had clearly lost its way.

Let's behave like a mature partner with the province and work with them to establish a viable project. The province hasn't abandoned Calgary's Green Line, they've repeatedly reiterated their desire to see it proceed.

But they understandably expect it to make technical and economic sense, even if the mayor and council have lost sight of those imperatives.

Doug Walker, Calgary

Province solely to blame for failure

Transportation Minister Devin Dreeshen can stop pointing fingers at members of Calgary council and NDP Leader Naheed Nenshi.

He needs to look in the mirror, along with Premier Danielle Smith. It is Dreeshen and his boss who bear the full brunt of this fiasco. They are the reason Calgarians now have to pay the $2.1 tab for a Green Line that no longer exists.

All your backtracking and spinning won't fix this now. There are no words to say how unacceptable your actions are.

Jo-Ann Mason, Calgary

No public cash for private schools

Let me be one of the first to respond to the most disappointing announcement that the UCP government has decided to use public government dollars to fund private schools.

It is not surprising that this leadership has done this. It is just one more step in their desire to make Alberta more like the American system, instead of reflecting values that Canada has held for a long time.

Canadian schools and others, such as in Finland, have always provided better education results than the United States because of strong public funding.

These institutional changes will be very hard to roll back.

I believe that we will be a poorer society because of these decisions.

Marianne Stankievech, Calgary

P3s are one answer to infrastructure crunch

We all win when public and private sectors collaborate, *Derron Bain* says.

Canadian infrastructure is at a crossroads.

The need for substantial investments in bridges, highways, schools and hospitals has never been greater, made more dire by our rapidly growing population and aging infrastructure. But with increasing demands for investments, labour shortages, inflation and growing debt, how can we build and maintain the infrastructure our communities need?

Traditional public financing and procurement methods have struggled to keep pace with these demands. They are often slow, costly and insufficient for addressing the scale of the issues we face. In addition, traditional models typically do not consider and account for the whole-life planning of an infrastructure project, including capital and long-term maintenance. Now is the time to redefine how Canada funds, procures and delivers major infrastructure projects, ensuring that assets meet immediate and long-term needs while offering sustained value.

For over 30 years, public-private partnerships (P3s) have proven to be a successful approach to delivering infrastructure. P3s are more than just a funding mechanism; they represent a strategic collaboration between the public and private sectors to finance, design, build and maintain public infrastructure.

This model combines the best of both worlds: the public sector's mandate to serve the community and the private sector's expertise and efficiency.

One key advantage of P3s is cost-efficiency. Private partners invest their own capital, ensuring they have a vested interest in the project's success. This leads to efficient management, with projects delivered on time, within budget and with cost savings passed back to taxpayers. Unlike traditional funding models, where the public sector shoulders the entire burden, P3s distribute responsibilities and risks. Each party manages the risks they are best equipped to handle, leading to better overall outcomes.

Moreover, P3s can accelerate project timelines, addressing urgent infrastructure needs more swiftly. They also often include long-term maintenance and operational responsibilities for the private sector, ensuring infrastructure is well-maintained over its life cycle.

Additionally, the private sector brings specialized expertise, innovative technologies and progressive management practices, resulting in higher quality and more technologically advanced results.

For example, Concert Infrastructure recently collaborated with Bird Construction, GDI Ainsworth and the Government of Alberta to deliver five new high schools using the P3 model. This project saved taxpayers over $114.5 million and created 1,700 local jobs. As Concert Infrastructure is owned by 10 Canadian pension plans, the funding and development of these schools have also supported the long-term financial future of over 200,000 Canadians.

As our society continues to evolve, a clear, consistent and modernized approach to P3s must be established to deliver infrastructure assets at the best value. The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP) recently released a report titled Modernizing Canada's Approach to Public-Private Partnerships (P3s)" that offers eight key recommendations for decision-makers.

These best practices acknowledge that, while we must continue to do what works, ongoing evolution is necessary to achieve better project outcomes, drive greater value for tax dollars and foster a competitive environment.

Private capital must remain a cornerstone of the P3 model. By utilizing private investment, including contributions from Canadian pension funds, we can stretch scarce tax dollars further, ensuring more projects can be funded and completed. This approach also brings enhanced oversight and accountability.

A long-term perspective is also essential. Governments must prioritize infrastructure procurement with a focus on multi-decade maintenance and life cycle renewal. This approach will save money and ensure our infrastructure remains functional and reliable for generations to come.

The CCPPP advocates for earlier engagement with contractors, allowing for better planning, risk management and cost control.

Furthermore, governments could adopt a more flexible approach to risk allocation, viewing themselves as "industrial owners" rather than mere contractors, actively overseeing P3 contracts, providing centralized support and minimizing disputes.

This shift will enhance transparency and foster a more collaborative environment between the public and private sectors.

By governments of all levels embracing the recommendations from the CCPPP, Canada can deliver high-quality, cost-effective projects that meet the needs of today while laying a strong foundation for the generations of tomorrow. Quite simply, everyone wins — especially Canadians — when the public and private sectors work together.

Derron Bain is CEO of Concert Infrastructure and board director, Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships.

Handouts to the private sector a flagrant misuse of tax dollars



ROB BREAKENRIDGE

While conservative parties and politicians might be more likely to criticize or oppose corporate welfare, the sad truth is that governments of all stripes are guilty of it — even here in Alberta.

A study released earlier this year shows that between 2007 and 2019, subsidies to businesses from both provincial and federal governments increased substantially (and soared even higher once the pandemic hit). Over that 12-year time frame, Alberta ranked fourth in the country on the average annual cost per taxpayer resulting from government subsidies to businesses.

Despite an ostensible focus on keeping spending in check and holding to conservative economic principles, Alberta's government is poised to embark upon yet another costly round of corporate welfare.

There are many downsides to the practice, beyond just the obvious and flagrant misuse of taxpayer dollars. As noted in the study, "governments' attempts to pick winners by interfering in the free market ultimately distort private decisions and misallocate resources." There's also the concern that such decisions could be politically driven, with such spending aimed at shoring up political support in certain regions or simply to reward friends or allies of the government.

When it comes to the public dollars that could soon be flowing to or benefiting private oil and gas companies and private education schools, these are all very real concerns. Yes, ensuring that abandoned oil and gas wells are cleaned up and that Alberta has sufficient classroom capacity are very real and pressing priorities, and no doubt the government will emphasize those points. That, however, doesn't justify unfettered spending.

The groundwork for all of this was laid out last week in separate announcements from the premier and various cabinet ministers.

First, Energy Minister Brian Jean declared in an interview that the government was looking at using public dollars to help cover the costs of cleaning up unreclaimed oil and gas wells, citing the urgent need for progress on this file. The timing was interesting, as news also emerged last week that Alberta had returned $137 million in unused federal funding for well cleanup.

When a similar idea was floated last year, a report from Scotiabank warned that it "goes against the core capitalist principle that private companies should take full responsibility for the liabilities they willingly accept." That's no less true today.

Companies have a legal obligation to clean up their sites. And, indeed, many companies have lived up to that obligation. It's unfair to those that have done the right thing to now have government start throwing money at those who have dragged their feet. That creates the wrong kind of incentive and is not how taxpayer dollars should be allocated.

The other announcement was much grander and much more specific. The premier, along with her education and infrastructure ministers, unveiled a bold plan to spend $8.6 billion on building upwards of 90 schools over the next three years. Given how quickly Alberta's population is growing, those schools will certainly be needed.

But there was one interesting and significant aspect to the government's plan: an intention to use some of those taxpayer dollars to finance the cost of building private schools. While Alberta does allow per-student public education funding to offset the cost to families of private education, taxpayers don't subsidize the construction of private schools. Why would we start now?

This obviously puts existing private schools that have financed their own capital costs at a severe disadvantage. It also incentivizes those prepared to make such investments in the short term to hold off, and try to take advantage of these government subsidies. Again, it's an improper and unfair use of taxpayer dollars.

With all these pressures, it's going to be hard enough as it is for the Alberta government to hold the line on spending.

Let's not make the situation worse with unnecessary handouts to businesses.

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"My best subjects were English lit and history," writes Mike Boone of his time spent in high school classrooms. "I loved reading fiction and fact, and did well on both." GETTY IMAGES

OPINIONS ... I HAVE A FEW!

After more than seven decades on Earth, Mike Boone has learned a thing or two



MIKE BOONE
Life in the 70s

Is it crazy for a 76-year-old to be nostalgic for school days?

What else might a septuagenarian be ranting about? Canadian politics? American politics? Personal relationships? Personal health? Am I an expert on any of the aforementioned topics? I am not. But I have opinions on all of 'em.

And columns are opinions, right? Especially if they tick off at least half of the readers ... some of whom will send notifications that I'm full of baloney (or worse). And those letters will supply yet another entertaining column.

So I'll take a few stabs at the aforementioned topics. My opinions hopefully will interest and/or enrage you.

Let's start with school days. Unlike more than a few of contemporary students, I loved every minute of my high school classroom. (Except physics and intermediate algebra — neither of which I was smart enough to excel at.) My best subjects were English lit and history. I loved reading fiction and fact, and did well on both.

Regular algebra and geometry? No probs. Calculus in first year of commerce at university? Disaster! I nearly flunked out. They let me try another first year in arts, and I scraped through to a totally undistinguished bachelor of arts.

What saved me and eventually created a career: the McGill Daily. I wrote about sports. I wrote about rock music. I wrote about the odd political stuff. And I hung out with guys and gals who were smart, creative and eccentric. Some of my colleagues went on to great careers — including Mark Starowicz, who created The Journal as a segment of the CBC National.

He's two years older than I ... and a lot smarter. I've spent my adult life working with some journalists of whom I am in absolute awe.

Onward to politics. I got interested as a preadolescent.

Coming home from elementary school, I hung out with my maternal grandfather, who lived across the street from the apartment my mother and I occupied.

Grampa liked to talk about political history.

An immigrant from pre-revolutionary Russia, he was a toiling, Yiddish- and Russian-speaking garment cutter in New York City. His humble career — and decent English — evolved into a coat manufacturer in Canada.

My grandfather moved to Montreal and screwed up his business. I was born in Saint John, N.B.; and I ended up in Montreal — at the age of five — when my mother's marriage fell apart.

Fast-forward to summer camp. Having learned a wee bit of political history from my grandfather, I spent July and August hopeless in sports and swimming, but fascinated by the counsellors who talked politics. They taught me good Leftish stuff. And I'm still into it.

Onward to personal relationships and health. I managed to screw up both.

I was lucky to have great girlfriends in high school, university and adulthood. I should have been a better guy.

Having grown up with a single parent, my experience of parenthood was acquired by watching television. I watched Father Knows Best and should have learned from it. But I didn't. And the aforementioned great women were wise enough to de-partner me.

I'm trying it one more time ... and loving every minute of it. Wish me luck — and a semblance of proper partnership. So far, so great. Nancy is terrific. And she's keeping me healthy.

It's about walking. We get out and around every day until the blizzards hit.

It's about diet. I eat good food. It's tasty, and I've learned to love it.

I've had health issues. But nothing is killing me just yet. Luckily, I've had a succession of great doctors who take good care of me. I wish that could be true for every Canadian, from sea to shining sea.

Is it crazy for a 76-year-old to be promoting good health? I'm giving it a whirl. Feel free to email gratitude for good septuagenarian health advice. Or tell me I'm totally wrong — about health, school or anything.

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Can knuckle-cracking cause arthritis?

LINDSEY BEVER

The question:

Is it true that cracking your knuckles can lead to arthritis?

The science:

Knuckle-cracking, which stretches the finger joints, is common. People may do it for various reasons — to relieve stress or tension, or simply for the pop. While it may sound destructive, there is no conclusive evidence that it causes serious or lasting harm, including arthritis.

There are no good quality studies that link cracking and degenerative changes in knuckles, or the metacarpophalangeal joints, experts said.

"I usually tell my patients there's no evidence that it's harmful," said Michael Pham, a rheumatologist at Mayo Clinic in Arizona.

In a 1998 case report in the journal Arthritis & Rheumatology, a physician named Donald Unger tested the myth perpetuated by his own mother, aunts and mother-in-law. He cracked the knuckles on his left hand twice per day every day, leaving the right hand as his control test. After 50 years, his knuckles showed no signs of arthritis and no differences between his left and right hands.

He quipped that the conclusion "calls into question whether other parental beliefs, e.g., the importance of eating spinach, are also flawed."

There are many types of arthritis, but the one that has been blamed on knuckle cracking is osteoarthritis, a degenerative disease in which the tissues in the joint wear away, causing pain, swelling and stiffness. While injury or overuse can contribute to this kind of tissue damage, it would require excessive weight-bearing and friction on the joint, which does not occur by increasing the space between the joints by popping the knuckles, said Korsh Jafarnia, an orthopedic hand surgeon at Houston Methodist.



To date there is no definitive evidence that demonstrates that knuckle-cracking causes lasting harm or arthritis. GETTY IMAGES

However, there are no rigorous studies that rule out definitively that knuckle cracking is associated with osteoarthritis, said M. Elaine Husni, director of the Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Center at Cleveland Clinic.

What else you should know:

Arthritis may not be a concern, but in rare cases, overzealous knuckle cracking could cause minor injuries such as ligament injuries and joint dislocation, Jafarnia said. In addition, research is mixed on whether the habit can cause other issues. A 1990 study reported that habitual knuckle crackers are more likely to experience hand swelling and lower grip strength, but a 2017 study reported the opposite.

Husni said occasional knuckle cracking is not likely to cause harm, though the effects of habitual knuckle cracking, which she defined as more than about five times per day, is being studied.

Anyone who develops pain or discomfort or experiences an escalation of pain that lasts more than about six weeks, or notices swelling or warmth in a joint should seek medical attention from a primary care physician or rheumatologist, she added.

The bottom line:

There is no conclusive evidence that cracking your knuckles can cause arthritis or other serious or permanent harm.

The Washington Post

THE ART & THE DEAL

Big film festivals play a crucial role in the way Hollywood does business

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Who is a film festival for? The local audiences who patronize it? The civic leaders who mount it? The filmmakers who show their wares? The critics who write about them? Is it for party hoppers? Or for distributors? For celebrities? For people who like to gawk at celebrities?

A safe answer is: All of the above.

Festivals are a business, a place where deals get done. But more than that, film festivals have become a crucial part of the industry's infrastructure, which may work against what makes them valuable in the first place.

I'm just back from the Toronto festival. I saw 27 movies in seven days. It's a way to cover a lot of the year's most important films in one compressed gulp. It's a chance to discover movies I may never have the opportunity to see again. It's a movie lover's ritual immersion and a reminder of how vast and varied this medium can be. Also: I love it.

I saw a lot of very good and some near-great movies at TIFF 2024, but there were none that felt anointed.

Still, one movie I saw did something I wasn't expecting — it renewed my faith in film festivals. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

To an outsider, an event like TIFF must seem like a combination mosh pit and self-important schmooze party. I've been going since the mid-1990s and have seen the fest morph into a key way station at the outset of the official awards race — the place where many Oscar hopefuls line up at the starting gate. TIFF shares this honour with the two festivals immediately preceding it — Venice and Telluride — and the New York Film Festival immediately following.

These are the Big Four of the fall film circuit, and the movie studios, major and minor, jockey for position among all of them.



The Egyptian Theatre in Park City, Utah, is a venue for the Sundance Film Festival — a celebration of independent films where buyers snap up potential hits for future release. CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sundance, in January, serves a different function. The premier festival for independent films has become a buyer's market for the rest of the calendar year, with a handful of well-received films snapped up for release in spring, summer and autumn by boutique distributors such as Sony Pictures Classics, Focus Features, Neon, A24 — and, in recent years, streamers such as Netflix, Amazon, Apple and Hulu.

(Then there is Cannes in May — a planet of glitz and spectacle unto itself.)

Sundance and the September festivals especially have become an integral aspect of how Hollywood does business nowadays, representing one of two separate pipelines of product — two completely different but equally functional business models. In the mainstream model, the major studios develop franchise properties in-house and primarily release them with much PR fanfare to the multiplex circuit.

In the independent model, movies are developed by a determined creative team, produced with any number of financing arrangements, and sold or first seen at festivals before making their way to independent art houses or streaming services.

There's overlap, but less than you might think, in part because the goals are different for each business model. The mainstream model wants to make money. The independent model wants to make art — and money.

The gauge of success for the first model is simple: box office receipts and ancillary sales. For the indie pipeline, it's fuzzier — more dependent on critical and audience response.

There's a reason reviewers like me and my colleagues are invited to "press and industry" screenings at TIFF, Sundance and elsewhere, and grilled on our opinions afterward. We're critical canaries in the coal mine.

Likewise, the endless standing ovations that are a film première cliché at Venice and Cannes represent a silly but not unuseful metric.

I've also been in festival screenings where you could feel the electricity of new discovery. Sundance 2012: Beasts of the Southern Wild as my fellow critics and I emerged stunned at the vision we'd just experienced. I'd almost forgotten that this year in Toronto as I raced to catch all the films that were slated as the next big thing.

Then I wandered into a curio in the festival lineup, a Nigerian drama called The Legend of the Vagabond Queen of Lagos, directed not by a single filmmaker but by a group called the Agbajowo Collective, made up of waterfront slum dwellers, community activists and a few technical helpers.

How can you see this movie? I don't know. I do know that Netflix's international offerings have space for a Legend of the Vagabond Queen of Lagos if the vagaries of film distribution allow it.

I know something else, too. This is why film festivals exist and who they're for — for you and me and the Agbajowo Collective, and for the tales we share that broaden our sense of what it is to be alive.

For The Washington Post

Beetlejuice sequel continues reign

It's a three-peat for Beetlejuice Beetlejuice.

The Tim Burton sequel to his 1988 horror comedy topped the North American box office charts for the third straight weekend with US$26 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

It edged out the animated new release Transformers One, which brought in $25 million.

Third place went to the James McAvoy horror Speak No Evil, which came in at $5.9 million in its second week for a total of $21.5 million. New horror thriller Never Let Go debuted at No. 4 with $4.5 million in sales.

Meanwhile, the year's second-highest grosser Deadpool & Wolverine remained in the top 5 in its ninth weekend with another $3.9 million and a domestic total of $627 million.

The Associated Press

COMMENT

NOT WITH A ROAR, BUT A WHIMPER

Katy Perry's comeback album 143 feels about 143 years old, ***Chris Kelly*** writes.

One of Katy Perry's last Billboard Nos. 1 was Roar, her eye-of-the-tiger empowerment anthem from 2013. The song found new life three years later, when Perry performed at the Democratic National Convention and lent it to Hillary Clinton for a campaign-closing ad that aligned values like respect and courage with the song's mad-as-hell feminism: "Get ready 'cause I've had enough."

These days, Roar and other Perry hits play like artifacts of the era of hope-and-change politics and girl boss feminism — wide-eyed, blandly encouraging, innocuous.

Maybe that's why Woman's World, the first single off Perry's new album 143, landed earlier this year like a dispatch from a parallel universe. Over synthesized disco pop, Perry lays out a blueprint for the "feminine divine" while trying to tap the sexy confidence of a Maybelline ad. In her conception, women are flowers, mothers, superheroes, sisters, "confident," "heaven-sent," "so intelligent" — anything but complicated.

Still this inoffensive song managed to offend, because Perry made it in part with Dr. Luke, the megaproducer behind much of her earlier output, who has become anathema to many pop fans amid a recently settled legal battle with pop star Kesha involving accusations of sexual abuse and defamation. When asked about the collaboration, Perry deflected with an invocation of motherhood in her non-answer self-defence.

That was the most obvious way in which Perry has struggled to connect with our pop moment — one that has a few more things to say than we tended to get from Peak Perry. In her imperial era, she was an avatar of pop's most reliable themes (mean boys, Friday nights, yearned-for loves), who somehow managed to make a song called I Kissed a Girl that reinforced gender stereotypes. 143 plays like an attempt to return Perry to those glory days. This is an album of anonymous electropop, simple sentiments ("I'll love you for life") and hip-hop-inflected "bangers" that tend to be — as she sings in the cringey 21 Savage collaboration Gimme Gimme — "all bark with no bite."

There was a time when Katy Perry really did make this stuff look easy (Hot n Cold), when even her cheesiest material (California Gurls, Last Friday Night) possessed a campy effervescence. On 143, Perry tries to keep it simple, but the formula no longer works. The lyrics oscillate between evergreen banalities ("Is it a crush? Makin' me blush") and moments that kill the magic ("Can't give me your password to your phone, not start a fight").

Of course, it certainly doesn't pay to overthink pop music. But so many women are making music in 2024 that is fun, flirty, feminist and interesting, from Olivia Rodrigo to Sabrina Carpenter to Charli XCX and beyond. In her heyday, Perry kissed a girl for the male gaze; today's biggest rising star, Chappell Roan, is singing about being knee-deep in the passenger seat with another woman.

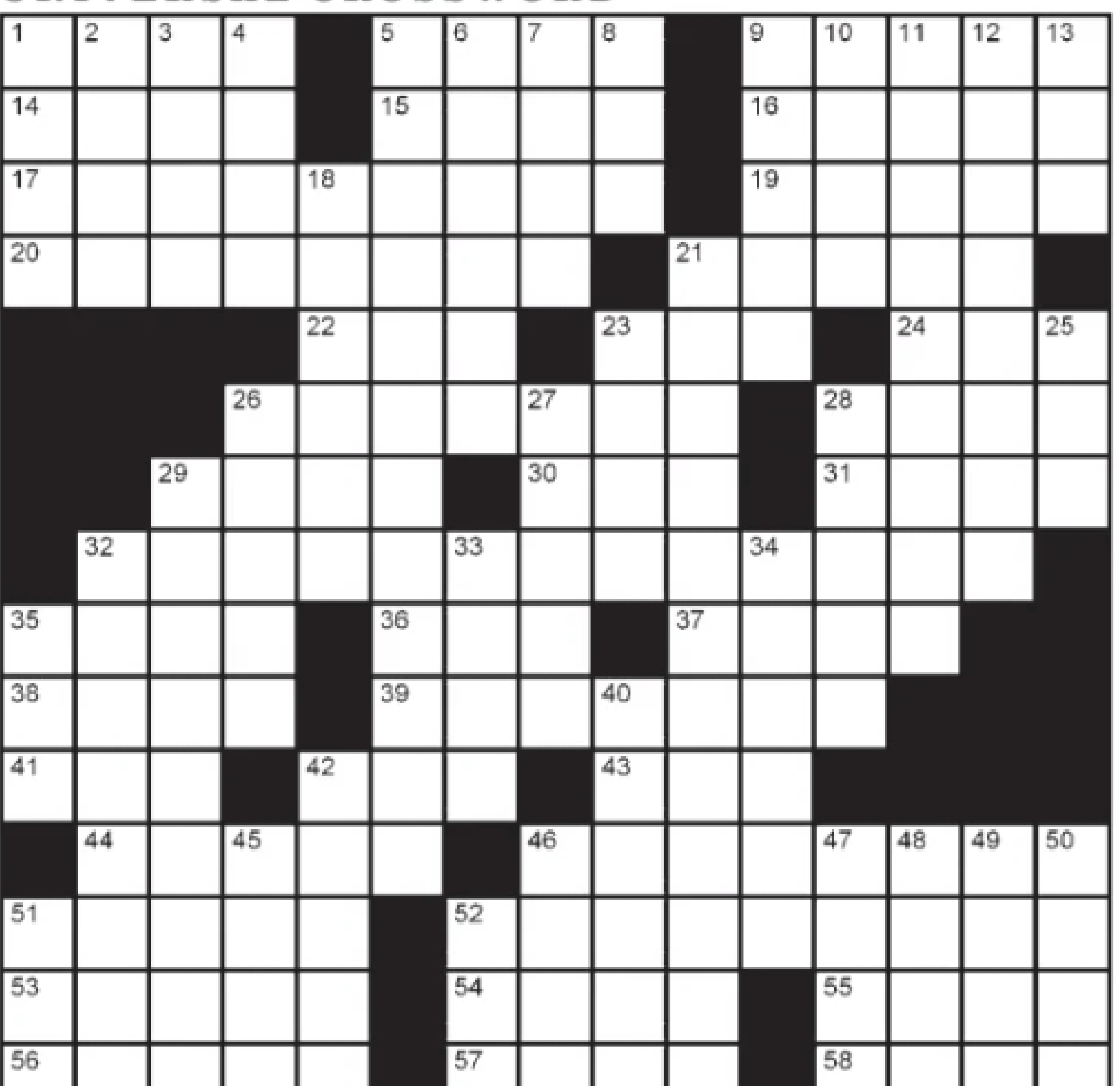
And so Katy Perry returns feeling smaller — back not with a Roar, but a whimper.

The Washington Post



Katy Perry's new music feels like an artifact from a different era, rather than anything new, fresh or different — call it a failure to evolve or even keep pace with changing times. NOAM GALAI/GETTY IMAGES

UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD



Fall Themeless Week, Puzzle 2 by Emily Biegas, edited by Taylor Johnson

ACROSS
1 Let the cat out of the bag, say
5 Pretzel topper
9 Burn slightly
14 Award won 10 times by FX's "The Bear"
15 Apt name for a black-and-white dog
16 Regions
17 Sci-fi zapper
19 Request to send something via phone line
20 Bit of unfinished business
21 People, in Spanish
22 ___-Magnon
23 W-9 org.
24 Baseball great Gehrig
26 Use voice-to-text technology
28 ___ up (accelerates)
29 Hawaiian platter type
30 Nickname that drops "An"
31 Singer Burl
32 "Anything is possible!"
35 Lavish party
36 Little devil
37 Highlander
38 Captivated
39 Remote military camp
41 Pop singer Rita
42 Really enjoyed
43 Dreyer's partner in ice cream
44 Cries like a donkey
46 Totally awesome people
51 Stilettos, e.g.
52 Certain communal transit program
53 Japanese lunch box
54 Raw metals
55 Creole vegetable
56 "Weather Alive" singer Beth
57 Tosses in
58 "Wild Wild ___" (1999 Will Smith movie)

DOWN
1 ___ pepper
2 "hahaha 2 hilarious!"
3 Playground retort
4 Farewells
5 Like someone who ponders eliminating alcohol consumption
6 Playground retort
7 Be in charge
8 ___ kha gai (Thai coconut chicken soup)
9 Locked boxes for valuables
10 Neighbor of Iraq
11 Uncommonly impressive
12 Screen message after losing at Galaga, say
13 Opposite of WNW
18 Meal plan?
21 Salad dressing that sounds mythical
23 "Just being helpful"
25 Naval letters
26 Bed cover
27 Modify
28 Metal fastener
29 One with a fur baby
32 Low-alcohol brew
33 Arrogant
34 Classes that are hard to fail
35 To and ___
40 Topped out
42 Big name in vacuums
45 Type of saxophone
46 Dove, e.g.
47 Streamed thing
48 Rice wine
49 Blunders
50 "Have a ___"
51 "The Wire" airer
52 Part of a flapper costume, perhaps

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

HAVE A PIMM'S PUNCH Solution: 7 letters

S	T	R	A	W	B	E	R	R	Y	T	I	U	R	F
S	P	A	R	K	L	I	N	G	T	H	G	I	L	R
Q	U	D	N	E	L	B	I	T	T	E	R	O	O	E
U	A	M	B	E	R	M	A	K	I	E	R	S	N	S
E	X	L	M	T	U	R	N	C	C	A	E	J	E	H
E	D	L	I	E	T	I	I	I	L	M	O	R	Z	P
Z	E	I	H	M	R	D	P	E	A	Y	E	(S)	O	U
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H	S	U	A	R	L	A	Y	E	C	(I)	E	R	F	Y
S	E	O	E	P	R	G	M	T	(S)	R	A	A	S	S
I	R	R	P	E	N	O	I	E	R	R	R	I	B	U
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A	I	G	D	E	L	I	C	I	O	U	S	R	H	I
G	M	E	T	S	A	T	R	E	B	M	U	C	U	C

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Amber, Apple, Bitter, Blend, Cheers, Cider, Citrus, Cucumber, Delicious, Dessert, Drink, Enjoy, Floral, Fresh, Frozen, Fruity, Garnish, Ginger Ale, Herbs, Lemonade, Light, Lime, Liquor, Mint, Orange, Party, Peach, Pear, Peel, Pitcher, Pungent, Recipe, Rosemary, Sips, Sparkling, Squeeze, Strainer, Strawberry, Summer, Syrup, Tangy, Tart, Taste

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

					9		8	
	9			5	3	7		2
		5				9	3	
6	1		7	8	4		9	
	7		3	9	2		1	6
	5	1				3		
8		7	2	3			6	
	3		1					

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 overly critical, in slang (5)	________
2 set in stone (9)	________
3 add, as new software (7)	________
4 manufactured (7)	________
5 ID badge holders (8)	________
6 iteration (7)	________
7 order of tasks at a job site (8)	________

RSI	ZED	JUD	LL	FIN
ALI	RDS	IN	EAT	NYA
STA	ON	ED	GY	KF
WOR	LOW	VE	LA	CR

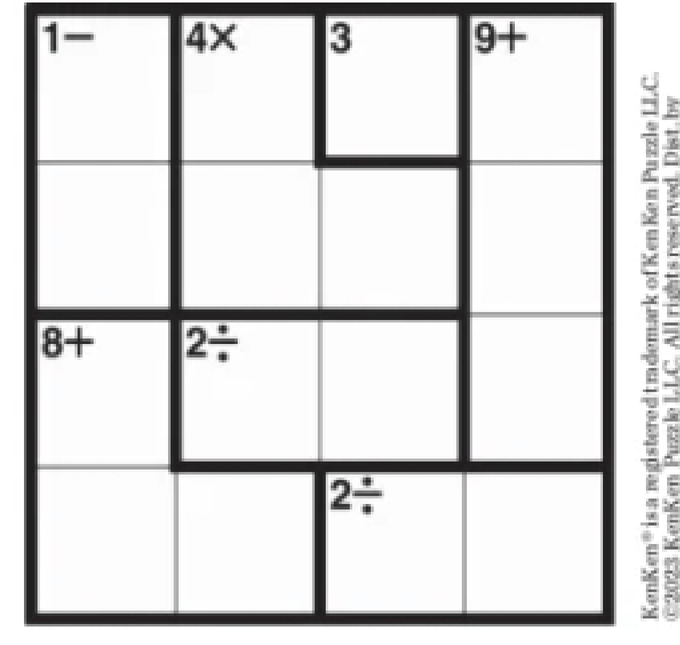
Answers: 1. JUDGY 2. FINALIZED 3. INSTALL 4. CREATED 5. LANYARDS 6. VERSION 7. WORKFLOW 9/24

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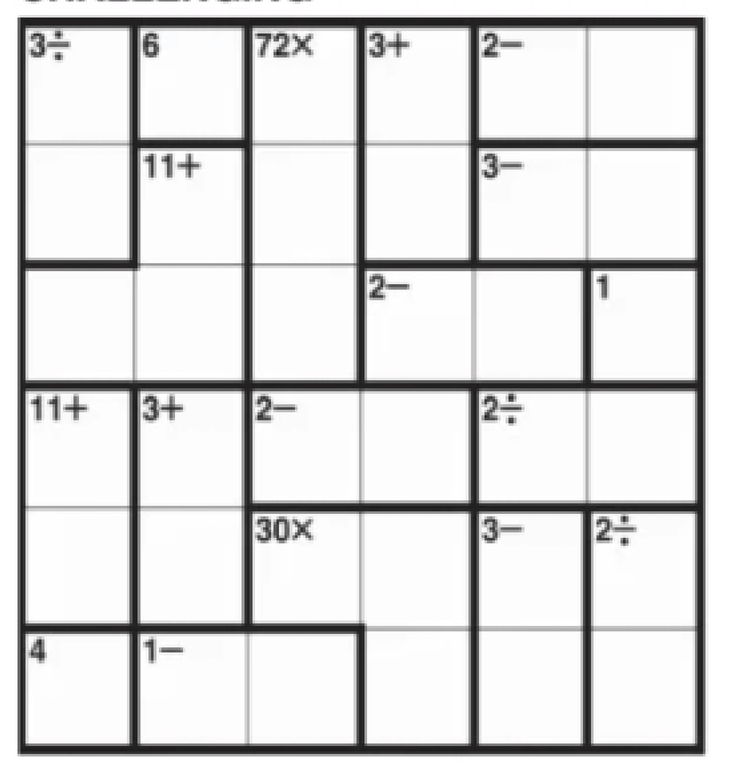
THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

Instructions: Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

EASY



CHALLENGING



CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"DR M PXMI YMPB RDFZU AC UZX GAWI DU DG MIVMKG UZPXX A'TIATB DR UZX EAPRDRF, YMK MCUXP YMK." — C. GTAUU CDUNFXPMIY

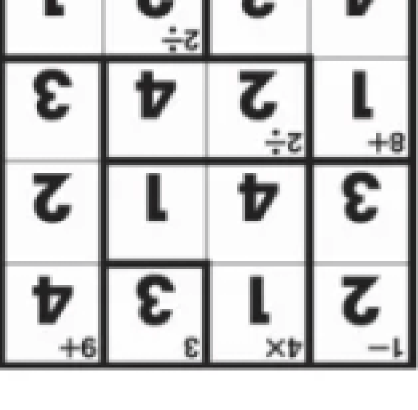
Solution: "In a real dark night of the soul it is always three o'clock in the morning, day after day." — F. Scott Fitzgerald

TODAY'S CLUE: E equals M

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TODAY'S SOLUTIONS:

WONDERWORD: MIXTURE



2	1	3	4
3	4	1	2
1	2	4	3
4	3	2	1

1	6	4	2	3	5
3	4	6	1	5	2
2	5	3	4	6	1
6	1	5	3	2	4
5	2	1	6	4	3
4	3	2	5	1	6

B	L	A	B	■	S	A	L	T	■	S	I	N	G	E
E	M	M	Y	■	O	R	E	O	■	A	R	E	A	S
L	A	S	E	R	B	E	A	M	■	F	A	X	M	E
L	O	O	S	E	E	N	D	■	G	E	N	T	E	■
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R	A	P	T	■	O	U	T	P	O	S	T	■	■	■
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O	R	T	O	N	■	A	D	D	S	■	W	E	S	T

7	2	3	4	1	9	6	8	5
1	9	8	6	5	3	7	4	2
4	6	5	8	2	7	9	3	1
6	1	2	7	8	4	5	9	3
3	8	9	5	6	1	4	2	7
5	7	4	3	9	2	8	1	6
2	5	1	9	4	6	3	7	8
8	4	7	2	3	5	1	6	9
9	3	6	1	7	8	2	5	4

LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

HOROSCOPE FOR SEPTEMBER 24



BY EUGENIA LAST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mixed emotions will lead you astray. Sum up how you feel and apply practical solutions to anything holding you back or confusing you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Think before you act. Emotional situations will escalate quickly, turning a molehill into a mountain before you can change your tune if you aren't careful. Question information and verify facts, which will open doors to truth, honesty and good decisions. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do what you can to bring about positive change. Embrace what makes you feel good about yourself and what you can do to help others. Let empathy and compassion lead the way, and the response and help you receive will lead to achieving your goal. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Optimism is a beautiful characteristic to bolster. However, it requires patience, facts and the ability to initiate what you want to pursue. All talk and no action will leave you standing still. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Pick up the pace and set your sights on what matters to you. How you approach your objective will significantly affect the outcome and your reputation. Trust your instincts and follow through with your plans, regardless of who decides to help and who doesn't. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Size up situations and make decisions. Taking too long to ponder things you cannot change or don't want to be a part of will waste valuable time that you should spend pursuing positive ventures. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be open, learn all you can and make choices conducive to lifestyle improvements and achieving a stable and secure position at work and home. Use your imagination, compromise and avoid letting excess seep into your plans. Participate in debates that encourage truth and exciting connections. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take a deep breath and put ego and emotions aside. It's time to do what's best for you and to let go of what's dragging you down. An aggressive move or lifestyle change may daunt you, but it will inevitably kickstart your efforts to forge ahead. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pamper yourself, rejuvenate and participate in something that sparks your imagination and offers a unique perspective and awareness of what's possible. Time is on your side; evaluate prospects, and you'll make better choices. Networking and social events will offer insight into what you want to pursue. 3 stars

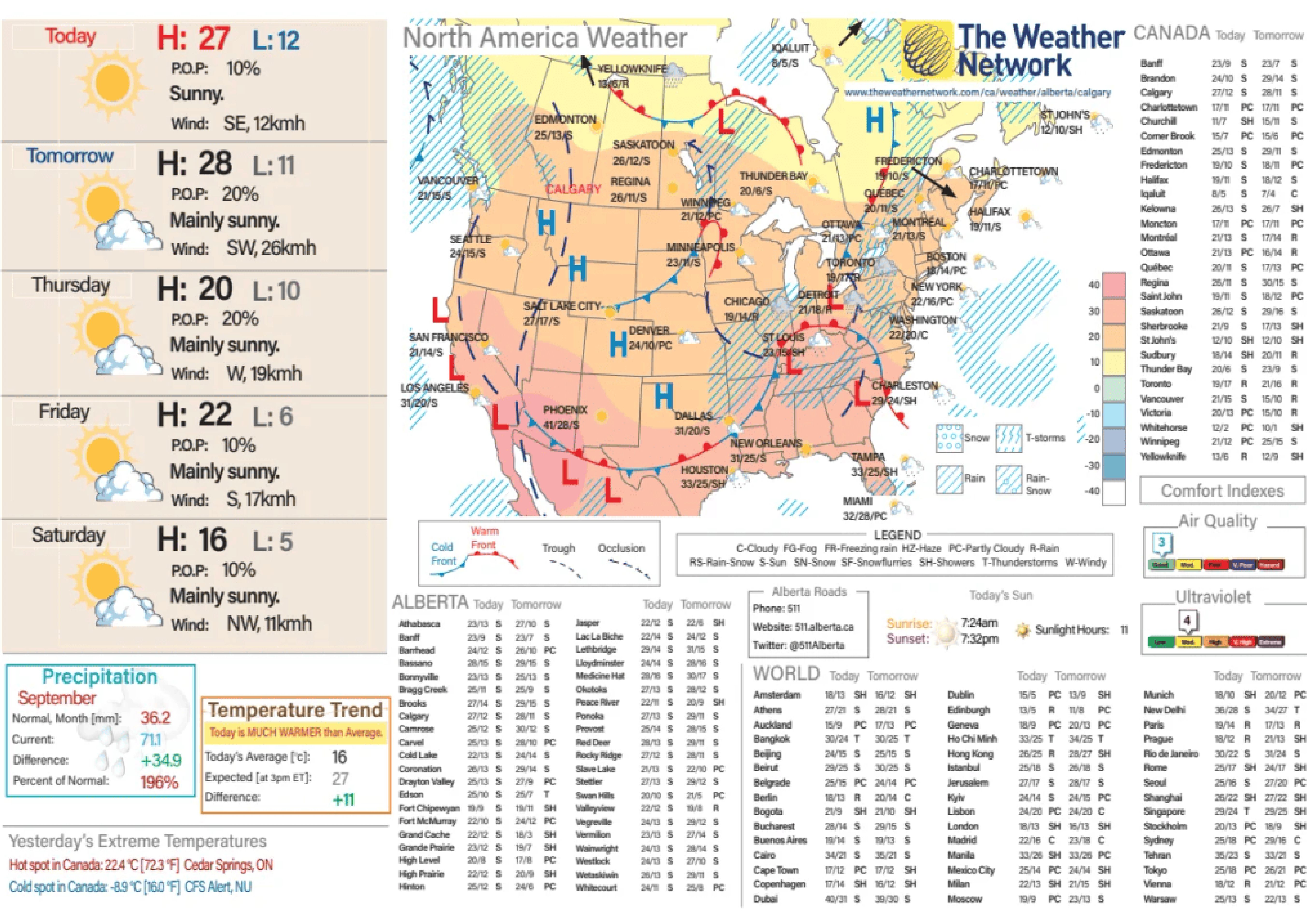
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stay focused on what's at stake and how to get things done on time and to your satisfaction. Refuse to let anyone interfere or lead you astray. A deal someone hypes will fall short of your expectations. Fend for yourself and pat yourself on the back. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Dream on and turn your hopes and wishes into a reality. Please don't settle for less than what you want or give in to someone only looking out for themselves. Make domestic changes that will help you finish what you start and encourage you to believe in yourself. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider what you want and make it happen. Participation is necessary if you want to reach your destination. Take the initiative to listen, assess what you hear and use suggestions and information that make you comfortable and capable of achieving your goal. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let your feelings lead the way, and your actions speak for you. Don't be shy. Put your best foot forward, and you'll attract those who share your beliefs and can contribute to your success. 5 stars

BIRTHDAY BABY: You are resilient, sensitive and helpful. You are intelligent and proactive.



CANADA

	Today		Tomorrow	
Banff	23/9	S	23/7	S
Brandon	24/10	S	29/14	S
Calgary	27/12	S	28/11	S
Charlottetown	17/11	PC	17/11	PC
Churchill	11/7	SH	15/11	S
Corner Brook	15/7	PC	15/6	PC
Edmonton	25/13	S	29/11	S
Fredericton	19/10	S	18/11	PC
Halifax	19/11	S	18/12	S
Iqaluit	8/5	S	7/4	C
Kelowna	25/13	S	26/7	SH
Moncton	17/11	PC	17/11	PC
Montréal	21/13	S	17/14	R
Ottawa	21/13	PC	16/14	R
Québec	20/11	S	17/13	PC
Regina	26/11	S	30/15	S
Saint John	19/11	S	18/12	PC
Saskatoon	26/12	S	29/16	S
Sherbrooke	21/9	S	17/13	SH
St.John's	12/10	SH	12/10	SH
Sudbury	18/14	SH	20/11	R
Thunder Bay	20/6	S	23/9	S
Toronto	19/17	R	21/16	R
Vancouver	21/15	S	15/10	R
Victoria	20/13	PC	15/10	R
Whitehorse	12/2	PC	10/1	SH
Winnipeg	21/12	PC	25/15	S
Yellowknife	13/6	R	12/9	SH

ALBERTA

	Today		Tomorrow			Today		Tomorrow	
Athabasca	23/13	S	27/10	S	Jasper	22/12	S	22/6	SH
Banff	23/9	S	23/7	S	Lac La Biche	22/14	S	24/12	S
Barrhead	24/12	S	26/10	PC	Lethbridge	29/14	S	31/15	S
Bassano	28/15	S	29/15	S	Lloydminster	24/14	S	28/16	S
Bonnyville	23/13	S	25/13	S	Medicine Hat	28/16	S	30/17	S
Bragg Creek	25/11	S	25/9	S	Okotoks	27/13	S	28/12	S
Brooks	27/14	S	29/15	S	Peace River	22/11	S	20/9	SH
Calgary	27/12	S	28/11	S	Ponoka	27/13	S	29/11	S
Camrose	25/12	S	30/12	S	Provost	25/14	S	28/15	S
Carvel	25/13	S	28/10	PC	Red Deer	28/13	S	29/11	S
Cold Lake	22/13	S	24/14	S	Rocky Ridge	27/12	S	28/11	S
Coronation	26/13	S	29/14	S	Slave Lake	21/13	S	22/10	PC
Drayton Valley	25/13	S	27/9	PC	Stettler	27/13	S	29/12	S
Edson	25/10	S	25/7	T	Swan Hills	20/10	S	21/5	PC
Fort Chipewyan	19/9	S	19/11	SH	Valleyview	22/12	S	19/8	R
Fort McMurray	22/10	S	24/12	PC	Vegreville	24/13	S	29/12	S
Grand Cache	22/12	S	18/3	SH	Vermilion	23/13	S	27/14	S
Grande Prairie	23/12	S	19/7	SH	Wainwright	24/13	S	28/14	S
High Level	20/8	S	17/8	PC	Westlock	24/13	S	27/10	S
High Prairie	22/12	S	20/9	SH	Wetaskiwin	26/13	S	29/11	S
Hinton	25/12	S	24/6	PC	Whitecourt	24/11	S	25/8	PC

WORLD

	Today		Tomorrow			Today		Tomorrow			Today		Tomorrow	
Amsterdam	18/13	SH	16/12	SH	Dublin	15/5	PC	13/9	SH	Munich	18/10	SH	20/12	PC
Athens	27/21	S	28/21	S	Edinburgh	13/5	R	11/8	PC	New Delhi	36/28	S	34/27	T
Auckland	15/9	PC	17/13	PC	Geneva	18/9	PC	20/13	PC	Paris	19/14	R	17/13	R
Bangkok	30/24	T	30/25	T	Ho Chi Minh	33/25	T	34/25	T	Prague	18/12	R	21/13	SH
Beijing	24/15	S	25/15	S	Hong Kong	26/25	R	28/27	SH	Rio de Janeiro	30/22	S	31/24	S
Beirut	29/25	S	30/25	S	Istanbul	25/18	S	26/18	S	Rome	25/17	SH	24/17	SH
Belgrade	25/15	PC	24/14	PC	Jerusalem	27/17	S	28/17	S	Seoul	25/16	S	27/20	PC
Berlin	18/13	R	20/14	C	Kyiv	24/14	S	24/15	PC	Shanghai	26/22	SH	27/22	SH
Bogota	21/9	SH	21/10	SH	Lisbon	24/20	PC	24/20	C	Singapore	29/24	T	29/25	SH
Bucharest	28/14	S	29/15	S	London	18/13	SH	16/13	SH	Stockholm	20/13	PC	18/9	SH
Buenos Aires	19/14	S	19/13	S	Madrid	22/16	C	23/18	C	Sydney	25/18	PC	29/16	C
Cairo	34/21	S	35/21	S	Manila	33/26	SH	33/26	PC	Tehran	35/23	S	33/21	S
Cape Town	17/12	PC	17/12	SH	Mexico City	25/14	PC	24/14	SH	Tokyo	25/18	PC	26/21	PC
Copenhagen	17/14	SH	16/12	SH	Milan	22/13	SH	21/15	SH	Vienna	18/12	R	21/12	PC
Dubai	40/31	S	39/30	S	Moscow	19/9	PC	23/13	S	Warsaw	25/13	S	22/13	S

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MOVIES TALK SPORTS KIDS

C	B		5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
3	4	CTV	News (N) Live	News (N)	CTV News Calgary at 6 (N) Live		etalk (N)	Big Bang	High Potential (N)		Password		The Rookie		CTV (N)	News (N)
4	38	OMNI	Omni News (N)	Property Outlook		Omni News	News (N)	Punjabi (N)	News (N)	Omni News	OMNI News (N)	Cantonese (N)	News (N)	Cantonese	News-Punjabi	Focus Punjabi
5		ABC	4 News Now on KXLY+ (N)		4 News Now (N)	World News (N)	4 News Now (N)	4 News Now (N)	Inside Ed. (N)	ET (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)				High Potential (N)	
6	9	CBC	Jamie's Quick	Jamie's Quick	News (N)	News (N)	Coronation (N)	Schitt's Creek	22 Minutes (N)	Still Standing	Animal (N) (SP)	Standup (N) (SP)	The National (N)		News (N)	22 Minutes
7	2	Global	News (N)	Global (N)	Global News Hour at 6 (N)		The Goldbergs	ET (N)	FBI: Most Wanted		Murder in a Small Town (N) (P)			The Goldbergs	Global News at 11 (N)	
8	5	CITY	The Kelly Clarkson Show (N)		CityNews at 6 Calgary (N)		FamFeud (N)	FamFeud (N)	America's Got Talent (N)		America's Got Talent (N) (SF)				CityNews (N)	(:35) J.Kimmel (N)
9		CBC-F	(4:00) On va se (…	Silence (N)	TJ Alberta (N)	Téléjour. (N)	Stat (N)	La facture (N)	À coeur battant (N)		Gars (N)	Temps de (N)	Le téléjournal (N)		Sports (N)	On va se le dire
11		CMT	Cheers	Cheers	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Workaholics	Workaholics	Becker	Becker	Wings	Wings	The Office	The Office
12		CBS	KREM 2 News at 4 (N)		News (N)	CBS News (N)	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)		Dateline		FBI		FBI: International		FBI: Most Wanted	
13		CTV2	Bob Heart	News (N)	Primetime (N)	How It's Made	Big Bang	etalk (N)	Transplant		Transplant		Suits		Primetime	(:35) J. Fallon (N)
14		PBS	Alma's Way	Xavier Riddle	America	To Dine For	PBS News Hour (N)		Finding Your Roots		Frontline (N)				Breakthrough	
15		NN	Canada Tonight With Travis Dhanraj (N)				The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)	
16		NBC	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	NBC News (N)	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel (N)	America's Got Talent (N)		America's Got Talent (N) (SF)			
17		TREE	PeppaPig	PeppaPig	(:15) Blaze	(:40) Thomas	Rubble	(:40) Binky	(:05) Franklin	PeppaPig	Bubble	(:45) Rivets	(:10) Ready,	Various	(:20) Max & Ruby	(:45) Blue
18		HGTV	Rock Solid Builds		Property Brothers		Farmhouse Facelift (N)		100 Day Hotel Challenge (N)		Unsellable Houses		Farmhouse Facelift		100 Day Hotel Challenge	
20		YTV	(4:00) ★★ Bee Movie ('07)		The Next Step	The Next Step	★★ Bee Movie ('07) Voices of Renée Zellweger, Jerry Seinfeld.				The Next Step	The Next Step	Danger Force	Danger Force	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
21		TSN	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Ottawa Senators (N) Live					SportsCentre (N) Live		SportsCentre (N) Live		SC	SC With Jay Onrait (N) Live		SportsCentre (N) Live	
22		FOX	Two Half Men	Last Man	Modern Family	Big Bang	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Big Bang	Murder in a Small Town (N) (P)			FOX Fall (N)	News (N)	(:35) FamFeud (N)
23		W	The Good Wife		The Good Doctor		Will & Grace	Mindy	Superstore	Superstore	Mom	Mom	★★★ Friends With Benefits ('11) Mila Kunis, Justin Timberlake.			
24		TLC	My Big Fat Fabulous Life		My Big Fat Fabulous Life (N)		My Big Fat Fabulous Life (N)		Welcome to Plathville (N)		I Love a Mama's Boy		My Big Fat Fabulous Life		My Big Fat Fabulous Life	
25		FOOD	Halloween Baking Championship				Chopped (N)		Halloween Wars		Chopped		Chopped		Halloween Wars	
26		A&E	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	(:05) Neighbor.	(:35) Neighbor.	(:05) Neighbor.	(:35) Neighbor.	(:05) Neighbor.	(:35) Neighbor.
27		SNW	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Toronto Blue Jays From Rogers Centre in Toronto. (N) Live						Sportsnet (N)	NHL Hockey Seattle Kraken at Vancouver Canucks (N) Live				Sportsnet (N)	NHL's Best	Sportsnet (N)
29		CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront (N) Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (N) Live		The Source With (N) Live		CNN NewsNight (N) Live		Laura Coates Live (N) Live		Anderson Cooper 360		The Source With Kaitlan Collins	
30		SN360	NHL's Best	NHL's Best	Dana White's Contender Series (N) Live					Plays	WWE NXT				NHL Hockey (N)	
32		SHOW	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS	
33		SLCE	Neighbor	Neighbor	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Love After Lockup (N)			True Crime (N)	Daily Show (N)	(:45) After Midnight (N)		The Goldbergs	King	King
34		STZ2W	Movie	★★★ Groundhog Day ('93) Bill Murray.			(:15) ★★★ Moonstruck ('87) Nicolas Cage, Cher.				★★★ Wedding Crashers ('05) Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson.				(:05) ★★ Four Christmases	
35		DISC	Mayday		Race to Survive: NZ (N)		Hoffman Family Gold (N)		Gold Rush-Res. (N)		NUMB3RS		NUMB3RS		Race to Survive: New Zealand	
36		CTVDR	Chicago Med		Chicago Med		Chicago Med		Chicago Med		Chicago Med		Chicago Med		Chicago Med	
37		OLN	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	
38		TOON	Hotel/(:15) Total	Gumball	Teen/(:15) Teen	Teen/(:45) Teen	Teen/(:15) Teen	Teen/(:45) Teen	Looney/ Looney	Scooby-Doo	Teen/(:15) Teen	Teen/(:45) Teen	My	My	My	My
39		FAM	Shasha & Milo	Ladybug	Jade Armor	TaraDunca	LEGO Dream	Boss Baby	Ladybug	Abominable	Goosebumps	Goosebumps	★★ Addams Family Values ('93) Raul Julia, Anjelica Huston.			
40		PCH	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	Atlanta News First at 10pm (N)		Inside Ed. (N)	GMFB: Overtime (N)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Last Man
41		CTVCo	Young Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Conners	The Conners	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
42		TCM	(3:45) ★★★ Dead Ringer ('64)		★★★ The Milagro Beanfield War ('88) Sonia Braga.				(:15) ★★ Zoot Suit ('81) Edward James Olmos, Daniel Valdez. (P)				(:15) ★★★ Salt of the Earth ('54) Rosaura Revueltas.			
43		HIST	Mega-Brands		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	S.W.A.T.		History's Greatest Mysteries		Escapes With Morgan		Rust Valley Restorers		Icons- America (N) (P)	
46		CTVSci	Star Trek: The Next Generation		Star Trek: The Next Generation		Star Trek: The Next Generation		Star Trek: The Next Generation		Castle		Castle		Star Trek: The Next Generation	
47		AMC	Movie	★★ Armageddon ('98) A hero (Bruce Willis) tries to save Earth from an asteroid. Billy Bob Thornton, Bruce Willis.							★★★ Die Hard With a Vengeance ('95) Jeremy Irons, Bruce Willis.					
49		DTOUR	Alaska Haunting		Border	Border	Ghost Adventures (N)		Paranormal Lockdown		Paranormal Lockdown		Ghost Adventures: House Calls		Paranormal Lockdown	
51	32	YESTV	The Middle	Mike & Molly	Murdoch Mysteries		Wheel (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Bull		Huntley	Your Story	Life Today	Hagee	Heartland	
65		TLN	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	For the Love	Dream of Italy	Ray Winstone's Sicily		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Incredible Homes		Crazy Rich Agents	
119		MUCH	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Futurama	Gonna Die (N)	Gonna Die (N)	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	The Simpsons	Futurama
120		MTV	How It's Made	How It's Made	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta (N)		Caught in the (N)		Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Caught in the Act: Unfaithful		Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness
122		VISN	Murder, She Wrote		Shakespea		Shetland		Silent Witness		Murdoch Mysteries		★★★ The Theory of Everything ('14) Eddie Redmayne.			
126		TV5	Climat d'urgence "Pérou"		Sur le front (N)		Les routes de l'impossible (N)		L'absente (N)		(:10) C dans l'air (N)		(:15) Afrique (N)	(:45) Journal (N)	(:15) Climat d'urgence "Pérou"	
127		APTN	(2:00) Channel No		Channel No Longer Available This channel is no longer available.								Channel No Longer Available This channel is no longer available.			

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54	E!	NUMB3RS		Million.	Million.	Love Island: All Stars (N)		Love Island: All Stars (N)		E! News (N)	TMZ	TMZ Live		Love Island: All Stars	
55	CRVM1W	★ Ru ('23) Chantal Thuy, Chloé Djandji.				★★ Madame Web ('24) Sydney Sweeney, Dakota Johnson.				★ Seagrass ('23) Luke Roberts, Ally Maki.				★ Lucy Grizzli Sophie ('24)	
56	CRVM2W	(:20) ★★★ Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris ('22) Lesley Manville.				(:20) Corner Gas	(:45) Corner Gas	(:10) Law & Order		The Americans	(:50) ★ Butcher's Crossing ('22) Fred Hechinger, Nicolas Cage.				Movie
57	CRVM3W	(:10) ★★★ Polar Storm ('09) Jack Coleman.			(:45) ★ A Royal Christmas Match ('22)			(:20) ★★★ Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris ('22) Lesley Manville.				(:20) Corner Gas	(:45) Corner Gas	(:10) Law & Order	
58	HBO2	(:20) ★ Red Rooms ('23) Laurie Babin, Juliette Gariépy.					(:25) ★ Revolution Rent ('19)			The Penguin		(:10) Shaq		(:15) True Blood	
59	WSBK	Big Bang	Big Bang	WBZ News 8p (N)		News (N)	Gourmet	48 Hours (N)		Flip Side (N)	Flip Side (N)	Big Bang	Housewife	Housewife	Person (N)
60	KTLA	KTLA 5 News at 4 (N)		KTLA 5 News at 5 (N)		News at 9 (N)	KTLA News (N)	News (N)	Unscripted	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	News (N)	(:45) Sports (N)
61	WGN	WGN Evening News (N) Live		The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	WGN News at Nine (N) Live		News (N) Live	GN Sports (N)	Young Sheldon	Big Bang	Two Half Men	Last Man
62	WPIX	Sports (N)	Big Bang	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	PIX11 News at Ten (N)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Two Half Men	Big Bang	Young Sheldon
63	STARZIW	(:20) ★★ 50 First Dates ('04) Drew Barrymore, Adam Sandler.				(:05) ★★★ Rudy ('93) Ned Beatty, Sean Astin.				★★★ Good Will Hunting ('97) Robin Williams, Matt Damon.				(:10) Spartacus: Gods	
92	OWN	(4:00) Channel No Longer Available This channel is no longer available.						Channel No Longer Available This channel is no longer available.							
93	NGEO	Mariana van		Mariana van		Disaster Autopsy (N)		Lost Beasts: Unearthed (N)		Mariana van		Disaster Autopsy		Lost Beasts: Unearthed	
97	H2	Engineering-World		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp Mysteries		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp Mysteries	
99	MYS	NCIS: Los Angeles		JAG		NCIS: New Orleans (N)		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0		NCIS		NCIS	
101	MTIME	★ Believe Me: The Abduction of Lisa McVey ('18) Katie Douglas.				★★★ The Town ('10) Rebecca Hall, Ben Affleck.						★★★ Ocean's Twelve ('04) Brad Pitt, George Clooney.			
102	ADSM	American Dad!	American Dad!	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Rick and Morty	Rick and Morty	Chicken	Smiling/ YOLO	Family Guy	Family Guy
103	LIFE	S.W.A.T.		NCIS: New Orleans		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0		S.W.A.T.		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0	
110	DOCU	Nahanni River of Forgiveness			Movie	★ Transformer ('17)			Stats-Life	Year of the Gun		★ Transformer ('17)			Stats-Life
115	FAMJR	Fabulous	CareBears	Smurfs/ Smurfs	GrizzyAnd	Mike/ Mike	BraveBun	Justin Time	Fabulous	Chip & Potato	Mike/ Mike	Mike/ Mike	(:50) Caillou	(:10) Caillou	(:40) Chip &
116	WILDB	American Ninja Warrior Junior		Supergirl		Dwight	Afraid?	Afraid?	Goosebumps	Goosebumps	Cleopatra	Johnny Test	Johnny Test	The Deep	The Deep
117	ABCSP	The Fosters		8 Simple Rules	Man-Plan	Life in Pieces	Life in Pieces	Fresh-Boat	Fresh-Boat	The Fosters		Good Trouble		Young	Young
124	AP	Animal Cops: Houston		North Woods Law		Lone Star Law		Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet		The Vet Life		Lone Star Law		North Woods Law	
134	BBCW	Newsday	Business	Newsday	Business	BBC News	Business	BBC News	The Medi	BBC News	HARDtalk	BBC News	Business	BBC News	Business
139	DJV	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Raymond	Raymond	Taxi	Taxi	Cheers	Cheers	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Mork & Mindy	Dear John	Taxi	Taxi
143	CNBC	Squawk Box Asia (N) Live				Street Signs Asia						Capital Connection (N) Live		Squawk Box Europe (N) Live	
144	GOLF	(3:00) Live from the Presidents Cup A team representing the United States takes on an international team for the Presidents Cup.												Live from the Presidents Cup	
161	SCH	(4:30) ★ Who Killed Our Father?		Friends Speak			★ Wintertide ('23) Niamh Carolan.			(:15) Friends Speak			(:45) ★ Wintertide ('23) Niamh Carolan.		

TRUMP SUSPECT OUTLINED PLANS IN NOTE: NP3



CANADA'S JET-SETTING PRIME MINISTER LOGGED 92,104 KILOMETRES WORTH OF AIR TRAVEL IN 58 FLIGHTS BETWEEN JUNE AND MID-SEPTEMBER, BURNING ENOUGH JET FUEL TO FILL UP A SMALL CITY'S WORTH OF FORD F-150s. PAGE NP2



MOHAMMED ZAATARI / AP PHOTO

Vehicles jam the roads in Sidon, southern Lebanon, on Monday as local residents flee toward Beirut in the north amid a massive wave of Israeli airstrikes.

ISRAELI AIRSTRIKES POUND LEBANON

THOUSANDS FLEE, HUNDREDS DEAD AS MORE THAN 800 HEZBOLLAH SITES TARGETED IN WAVE OF COUNTERATTACKS

Joshua Marks

Israeli Air Force fighter jets conducted massive airstrikes on Hezbollah targets across Lebanon throughout the day on Monday to prevent the Iranian-backed group from firing rockets across the border.

As of Monday afternoon, the IAF had attacked more than 800 Hezbollah targets in Lebanon, saying it was going after Hezbollah weapon sites.

The military said it had also carried out a targeted strike in Beirut. It did not immediately give details.

Thousands of Lebanese fled the south, and the main highway out of the southern port city of Sidon was jammed with cars heading toward Beirut in the biggest exodus since the 2006 Israel-Hezbollah war.

More than 270 Lebanese were killed and 1,000 other people were wounded in the strikes. Lebanon's Health Ministry said at least 21 children and 39 women were among those wounded or killed, as well as medical workers.

Earlier, in a message to Lebanese civilians, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged them to heed Israeli calls to evacuate, saying "take this warning seriously."

"Please get out of harm's way now," Netanyahu said. "Once our operation is finished, you can come back safely to your homes."

IDF spokesperson Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari said at a press briefing that terrorists had recently attempted to launch a cruise missile from a civilian residence, which was thwarted, providing documentation of the preventive strike.

The cruise missile was a DR-3 model with a flight range of 200 km, carrying a warhead of up to 300 kg, according to the IDF.

He warned that the IAF strikes would continue and criticized Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah, accusing the terror leader of "dragging Lebanon and the entire region into escalation."

Addressing the possibility of ground manoeuvres in Lebanon, he said that "we will do whatever is necessary to return residents (of northern Israel) to their homes. We have detailed plans, which we have presented to the political leadership."

Hezbollah said that it fired dozens of rockets toward Israel, including at military bases. It also targeted for a second day the facilities of the Rafael defence firm, headquartered in Haifa.

Israeli authorities reported a series of air-raid sirens in northern Israel warning of rocket fire from Lebanon.

See LEBANON on NP3

TRUDEAU AFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR HAITI

UN ASSEMBLY

Calls for wider backing of Kenya policing

Kelly Geraldine Malone

NEW YORK • Justin Trudeau turned his focus to the ongoing crisis in Haiti as he spoke with some world leaders Monday ahead of the 78th meeting of the United Nations General Assembly.

The prime minister met with the Caribbean country's acting prime minister, Garry Conille, on Monday morning before delivering remarks at a high-level meeting for a UN advisory group for Haiti.

Conille stepped into his role earlier this year after former prime minister Ariel Henry was forced out amid surging unrest and violence by criminal gangs that had overrun much of Haiti's capital.

At their meeting, Trudeau spoke about the "slow but real progress that is being made" in Haiti and affirmed Canada's ongoing support. Conille said the country is preparing for elections, possibly in 2026.

Later in the morning, Trudeau told other world leaders at a high-level advisory group for Haiti that "we must come together" with a serious plan to address the humanitarian needs in the country first, and to ensure there is support for a political transition.

He called on the international community to support the transitional government, while cautioning that the status quo cannot continue.

Trudeau repeated calls he has made for two years for more countries to sanction Haiti's political and business elites, who have helped gangs sow anarchy.

He also said Kenyan police officers must be given more support in leading a global effort to rout the gangs.

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MPs call for cooler heads after Singh, Poilievre in Commons spat

'I'M RIGHT HERE, BRO'

OTTAWA • Some MPs are demanding more discipline from House of Commons Speaker Greg Fergus after an exchange between two party leaders last week got so heated one MP thought it might actually come to physical blows.

In question period on Thursday, Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre and NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh had a shouting match after Poilievre called Singh a phoney and a fraud for his refusal to vote to bring down the Liberal government.

At one point, according to a CBC report, Singh left his seat and walked into the aisle to shout at Poilievre. Two MPs told CBC they heard Singh say, "I'm right here, bro." Another MP told the Toronto Sun that Singh stood in the aisle daring Poilievre to "say it to my face."

As the Speaker tried to restore order, Poilievre could be seen on the Commons TV camera pointing off screen in what appears to be Singh's direction and seemed to be mouthing the words, "Do it."

Eventually Fergus quelled the feud, but not before shutting off the parliamentary video recording three times.

While the move wipes the record of egregious comments made during a shouting match, it also spares the hearing of translators who are listening in.

The Conservatives insist Singh challenged Poilievre to a fight, while NDP House leader Peter Julian says Singh was merely standing up to bullying from the Tory leader.

All of it had Green party Leader Elizabeth May fearing the two might start throwing punches.

May and Julian have both called on the Speaker to do more to rein in the antics that they say have degraded decorum in the House of Commons.

After the exchange, Fergus asked the MPs to respect the long-standing traditions of the House but did not ask anyone to withdraw their comments or apologize.

Poilievre plans to table a confidence motion on Tuesday. It reads, "that the House has no confidence in the prime minister and the government."

The motion will be debated in one day and voted on Wednesday. Both the NDP and Bloc Québécois said they would vote against it.

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NEWS

'Pact of the Future' passes, despite Saudi, Russian opposition

TRUDEAU
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Kenya is leading an international mission that has been controversial in Haiti but that the UN says is necessary to stop violence and curb the flow of weapons to other Caribbean countries.

Canada is closely invested in the response to the ongoing humanitarian, security and political crises. A UN report released in June said surging gang activity had displaced nearly 580,000 people in the Caribbean country since March.

The prime minister also met with Malala Yousafzai, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, before attending a working luncheon hosted by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz.

Later Monday, Trudeau is scheduled to have a much different type of conversation while making his guest debut on CBS's "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert."

Trudeau arrived in New York on Sunday where he delivered remarks to the Summit of the Future, telling leaders they can choose to stick their heads in the sand or come together to confront global challenges.

The summit has a goal to reform the UN, reinvigorate multilateralism and find solutions to new challenges at a time when the global institution has struggled to resolve conflicts and has been largely relegated to faltering humanitarian efforts, including with Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the war in Gaza and Sudan's civil war.

Trudeau told leaders to embrace the "Pact of the Future," a 42-page blueprint to address a wide range of 21st-century global challenges.

It was approved by the UN General Assembly during the opening of the two-day summit.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres thanked leaders and diplomats for taking the first steps and unlocking "the door" to a better future.

The pact had seen significant pushback from Russia, Saudi Arabia and other countries that object to some of the language on issues including climate change and reforming international financial institutions.

Its fate was in question until the last moment and UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Guterres had three speeches prepared to be ready for any outcome.

Guterres warned last week that "international challenges are moving faster than our ability to solve them." The passing of the pact brought some optimism at a time when increasing geopolitical instability around the world has cast a shadow over the assembly.

Foreign Affairs Minister Melanie Joly will join Trudeau in New York and will later deliver Canada's national statement to the UN General Assembly. The speech will emphasize "Canada's commitment to promoting multilateral co-operation, human rights, democracy and the rule of law," a news release from her office said.

"In the face of multiple global crises, the world needs a strong, effective and modern UN," Joly said in the statement. "Through constructive dialogue, shared learning and collective problem solving at this year's (UN General Assembly), I am confident that we can effectively work together to address some of the most critical issues of our time."

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Joly will also take part in a panel with representatives from Ukraine and Estonia "that will underscore the urgent need to restore the rights of children worldwide and enhance child protection, including addressing the unlawful deportation and forced transfer of Ukrainian children to Russia," the statement said.

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SEAN KILPATRICK / THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau arrives at United Nations headquarters in New York on Monday to take part in a high-level meeting with an advisory group on Haiti, as well as a meeting of the General Assembly.

As the world burns: PM's summer jet fuel tally

Tristin Hopper
Comment

Last week, Postmedia's Bryan Passifiume used flight tracker data to calculate the precise number of kilometres that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau logged by private jet over the course of the summer.

He found that between June 1 and Sept. 12, Trudeau logged 92,104 kilometres across 58 different trips.

On average, Trudeau was in the air at least once every two days, and his total summer air miles would have been enough to circle the globe twice over. Or, alternatively, those 92,000 km could have been used to take him between Vancouver and St. John's, N.L., more than 18 times.

In those three months, Trudeau also logged more air miles than the year's first seven months put together.

In terms of how much fossil fuel this requires, the best estimate using the Canadian Armed Forces' own internal cost tables is that Trudeau's summer schedule burned up just under 300,000 litres of fuel.

Trudeau travels in one of two aircraft flown by the RCAF: the CC-144 Challenger, which is essentially a private jet whose commercial model has seating for 12 passengers, and for overseas travel, he takes an Airbus CC-150 Polaris.

According to the most recent Cost Factors Manual published by the Canadian Armed Forces, the Challenger burns 1,172 litres of fuel for every hour it's in the air. The Polaris burns 5,860 litres of fuel per hour.

All told, Trudeau's June to September travel works out to about 88 hours in the Challenger, and 31 hours in the Polaris, for a total fuel consumption of about 285,000 litres of Jet A-1 fuel.

This is enough to fill up a small city's worth of Ford F-150s. The truck's Canadian iterations typically come equipped with a 98-litre gas tank. So, all that jet fuel would fill up around 2,908 trucks.

Alternatively, it would be enough fuel to fill up the swimming pool at a small to mid-sized recreation centre.

And the numbers get even bigger when it comes to the amount of carbon emissions that all these trips produced.

The combustion of 285,000 litres of jet fuel would produce just over 720 tonnes of carbon dioxide, as per tables maintained by the International Air Transport Association.

In just three-and-a-half months, this means that Trudeau's jet travel emitted enough carbon dioxide to equal the total annual greenhouse gas emissions of 117 Canadians.

The annual per-capita carbon emissions of the average Canadian is 6.15 tonnes — one of the highest rates in the world. And that figure covers everything, not just air travel.

Meanwhile, the government's own figures estimate that Trudeau's summer air travel did about $200,000 of damage to the planetary climate.

The Government of Canada maintains detailed tables on the "social cost of greenhouse gas emissions." This is an attempt to break down how much climatological damage is wrought for each tonne of greenhouse gas emissions. The figure (which is cribbed entirely from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) covers everything from "agricultural productivity" to "property damage from increased flood."

For 2024, the "social cost" of a tonne of carbon dioxide was set at $266. So, Trudeau's 92,000 km of summer air travel imposed an estimated $191,500 in environmental damage, according to his own government.

Climatological damage, incidentally, was the subject of one of Trudeau's first parliamentary statements after the House of Commons reconvened last Monday for its fall session. "Every Canadian, except perhaps the Canadians in the Conservative Party of Canada, understands that the costs of inaction on climate change will be catastrophic," he said on Sept. 18, citing "wildfires, droughts, floods and hurricanes."

It would obviously be unreasonable to expect a Canadian prime minister to govern six time zones without the use of a jet — and this is why even the Green Party is hesitant to begrudge Trudeau's carbon footprint.

But Trudeau's jet usage is notable not only because it's much higher than normal, but because it's occurred simultaneously with his government actively discouraging travel.

Just before the Commons broke for summer recess, Health Minister Mark Holland said road trips were causing the planet to burn. It was a response to a criticism from the Conservative benches alleging that the carbon tax was putting road trips out of reach for some families.

"You can take a summer of fun time vacation where you're locked in a car for 10 consecutive days nonstop with no bathroom breaks ... and the cost? Give up the future of the planet ... enjoy your 10 hours in the car and let the planet burn," he said.

All the while, Canada maintains an official policy of never allowing its first minister to fly commercial.

The U.K., Germany, Mexico and New Zealand, among others, all put their presidents and prime ministers on commercial flights as often as they can.

Nevertheless, the consistent line from the Prime Minister's Office — whether the PM is Conservative or Liberal — is that commercial travel is prohibited for security reasons.

National Post

Resumé of embattled federal human-rights pick lists job he never began

DATTANI

Stephanie Taylor

OTTAWA • The federal government's former pick for head of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, who resigned before actually starting the job, is now listing the title on his resumé.

Birju Dattani was appointed as chief commissioner back in June, but agreed to take a leave before starting in August and resigned several days later after an investigation determined he did not "directly disclose" the criticism of Israel in his work, while studying as a graduate student nearly a decade ago.

Earlier this month, the Centre for Free Expression, based out of Toronto Metropolitan University, publicized that Dattani was joining as a senior fellow, announcing him as the "former chief commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission." A biography on the centre's website lists the same, as does Dattani's LinkedIn page, which states he held the job from August 2024-August 2024.

"While it is technically accurate, it raises an eyebrow that he would choose to advertise a title that he only briefly held, from a job he never did, given the circumstances of his resignation," said Toronto Liberal MP Marco Mendicino, who served as Public Safety minister until last year. "The title refers to a job that he never did because he resigned from it, and it is curious."

Dattani has not responded to emails from the National Post seeking comment.

Centre director James Turk said in an email Monday they were able to bring on "such an impressive expert on human rights law" because of the "unfortunate circumstances" surrounding the announcement of his appointment.

Turk pointed to how the independent review found no evidence of Dattani having views that could be considered antisemitic. The report concluded he was careful to criticize the State of Israel's actions, not its people, during his interview.

Dattani's appointment was a "testament to his stature in the field," Turk wrote, adding he believes Dattani's decision to resign demonstrates his integrity as a person "who did not want any cloud of suspicion about his commitment to human rights for all."

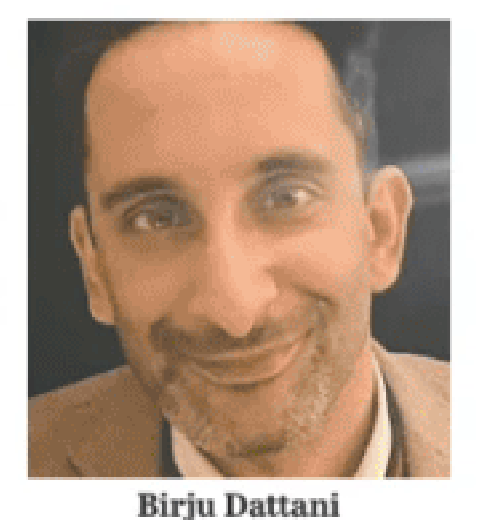
His resignation followed a letter he received from Justice Minister Arif Virani, which Dattani shared, that showed Virani expressing concerns about his "candour" during the appointment process after having received a copy of the third-party probe.

Virani triggered that probe after prominent Jewish advocacy organizations voiced concerns about the government's vetting process after Dattani's past online comments about Israel and related activism surfaced.

The justice minister had warned Dattani he would be determining whether it would be necessary to recommend he be removed from the role.

According to a statement Dattani released announcing his agreement to resign, he responded to Virani by offering to make a joint statement to express his commitment to the role, saying he feels he "could not have been more candid and transparent."

A spokeswoman for Virani pointed to the steps the minister took to address the issue, saying he released the review in full.



Birju Dattani

"The findings speak for themselves," said Chantalle Aubertin. "Furthermore, Minister Virani announced on August 7 that Mr. Dattani took leave while he considered the matter and did not begin work at the (Canadian Human Rights Commission) on August 8, 2024."

National Post
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LONDON

CHAOS AS PARTS OF U.K. SUBMERGED BY FLASH FLOODS

A soccer pitch in London collapsed and other parts of the United Kingdom were submerged by flash floods Monday after some areas saw a month's worth of rainfall in 24 hours. Roads were closed, some train lines were suspended and dozens of people reported their houses being submerged as parts of central and southern England saw about 60 to 80 millimetres of rainfall.

A few locations were expected to be hit by more than 120 mm of rain, weather forecasters said. In the capital, the London Fire Brigade said emergency responders received some 350 flood-related calls, including rescuing people trapped in cars, assisting people from their homes and responding to flooding in underground train stations, roadways, homes and businesses.

The Associated Press

WORLD

'I failed you': Alleged would-be killer's note

TRUMP SUSPECT

Eric Tucker and Alanna Durkin Richer

WASHINGTON • The man accused in the apparent assassination attempt of Donald Trump at a golf course in Florida left behind a note saying that he intended to kill the former president and kept in his car a handwritten list of dates and venues where Trump was to appear, the Justice Department said Monday.

The new allegations were included in a detention memo filed ahead of a hearing Monday at which the Justice Department was expected to argue that 58-year-old Ryan Wesley Routh should remain locked up as the case moves forward.

The details are meant to buttress prosecutors' assertions that Routh is a threat to public safety with a premeditated plan to kill Trump — a plot officials say was thwarted by a Secret Service agent who spotted a rifle poking out of shrubbery on the West Palm Beach golf course where Trump was playing.

The note was placed in a box dropped off months earlier at the home of an unidentified person who did not open it until after last Sunday's arrest. The box also contained ammunition, a metal pipe, building materials, tools, phones and various letters. The person who received the box and contacted law enforcement was not identified in the Justice Department's detention memo.

One note, addressed "Dear World," appears to have been premised on the idea that the assassination attempt would be unsuccessful.

"This was an assassination attempt on Donald Trump but I failed you. I tried my best and gave it all the gumption I could muster. It is up to you now to finish the job; and I will offer $150,000 to whomever can complete the job," the note said, according to prosecutors.

An attorney for Routh didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment Monday morning.

Cellphone records cited by the Justice Department indicate Routh travelled to West Palm Beach from Greensboro in mid-August, and that he was near Trump's golf club and the former president's Mar-a-Lago residence "on multiple days and times" between August 18 and the day of the apparent attempted assassination.

He was arrested on Sunday afternoon after a Secret Service agent who was scoping the Trump International Golf Club for potential security threats saw a partially obscured man's face, and the barrel of a semi-automatic rifle, aimed directly at him.

The agent fired at Routh, who sped away before being stopped by officials in a neighbouring county.

The Secret Service has said Routh did not fire any shots and never had Trump in his line of sight.

The Justice Department also said Monday that authorities who searched his car found six cellphones, including one that showed a Google search of how to travel from Palm Beach County to Mexico.

The Associated Press



ROSCOSMOS SPACE CORPORATION VIA AP

Rescue team members help Roscosmos cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko out of the Russian Soyuz MS-25 space capsule on Monday shortly after it landed in Kazakhstan, ending a record-breaking stay aboard the space station.

SPACE

SOYUZ CAPSULE WITH 2 RUSSIANS, 1 AMERICAN ABOARD RETURNS TO EARTH

MOSCOW A Soyuz capsule carrying two Russians and one American from the International Space Station landed Monday in Kazakhstan, ending a record-breaking stay for the Russian pair.

The capsule landed on the Kazakh steppe about 3 ½ hours after undocking from the space station in an apparently trouble-free descent. In the last stage of the landing, it descended under a red-and-white parachute at about 7.2 metres per second, with small rockets fired in the final seconds to cushion the touchdown.

The astronauts were to be extracted from the capsule and placed in nearby chairs to help them adjust to gravity, then given medical examinations in a nearby tent.

Oleg Kononenko and Nikolai Chub returned after 374 days aboard the space station; on Friday they broke the record for the longest continuous stay there. Also in the capsule was American Tracy Dyson, who was in the space station for six months.

Eight astronauts remain in the space station, including Americans Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams, who have remained long past their scheduled return to Earth. The two astronauts are to ride home with SpaceX next year.

The Associated Press

Escalation has U.S. sending more troops to Mideast

LEBANON
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Rocket alarms were heard in Israel's Safed area, with many explosions heard and dozens of interceptions reported. A major barrage was also reported further south.

In Giv'at Avni, near the Sea of Galilee, a fire broke out after a Hezbollah rocket scored a direct hit on a house, local media reported. The residents had barricaded themselves in their bomb shelter and emerged unharmed following the attacks, according to the reports.

Israel's evacuation warnings were the first of their kind in nearly a year of steadily escalating conflict and came after a particularly heavy exchange of fire on Sunday. Hezbollah launched around 150 rockets, missiles and drones into northern Israel in retaliation for strikes that killed a top commander and dozens of fighters.

The increasing strikes and counterstrikes have raised fears of an all-out war, even as Israel is still battling Hamas in Gaza and trying to return scores of hostages taken in Hamas's Oct. 7 attack. Hezbollah has vowed to continue its strikes in solidarity with the Palestinians and Hamas, a fellow Iran-backed militant group. Israel says it is committed to returning calm to its northern border.

More than 60,000 Israelis remain internally displaced after nearly a year of near-daily rocket, missile and drone attacks by Hezbollah in support of Hamas. Israel has accused Hezbollah of transforming entire communities in south Lebanon into bases, with hidden rocket launchers and other infrastructure.

The Pentagon said Monday the U.S. is sending additional troops to the Middle East in response to the sharp spike in violence in Lebanon. Press secretary Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder would provide no details on how many additional forces or what they would be tasked to do. The U.S. currently has about 40,000 troops in the region.

"In light of increased tension in the Middle East and out of an abundance of caution, we are sending a small number of additional U.S. military personnel forward to augment our forces that are already in the region. But for operational security reasons, I'm not going to comment on or provide specifics."

Iran's president accused Israel of seeking a wider war in the Middle East and laying "traps" to lead his country into a wider conflict.

Masoud Pezeshkian pointed to the deadly explosions of pagers, walkie-talkies and other electronic devices in Lebanon last week, which he blamed on Israel, and the assassination of Hamas's political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran on the eve of his inauguration.

"They are dragging us to a point where we do not wish to go," the Iranian leader said of Israel. "There is no winner in warfare. We are only fooling ourselves" if we believe that.

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U.S.

HARRIS IS 'NOT BLACK,' JANET JACKSON SAYS

During an interview with the Guardian published Saturday, ostensibly to promote the second leg of her concert tour, Janet Jackson claimed she heard Kamala Harris was not Black and that the vice-president's father was White.

"Well, you know what they supposedly said? She's not Black," Jackson said of Harris when asked about her thoughts on the 2024 presidential race. "That's what I heard. That she's Indian."

"Her father's White," Jackson added after the reporter challenged her claims. "That's what I was told. I mean, I haven't watched the news in a few days. I was told they discovered her father was White."

Many reporters and social media critics were quick to point out Harris has long identified as Black and attended Howard University, a historically Black school. Her father, Donald Harris, is from Jamaica and was the first Black person tenured in Stanford's economics department.

The Washington Post

CALIFORNIA

STATE ACCUSES EXXONMOBIL OF LYING ABOUT EXTENT OF PLASTICS RECYCLING

The state of California sued ExxonMobil on Monday, accusing the oil giant of misleading the public about the effectiveness of plastics recycling and contributing to the flood of bags and wrappers polluting waterways in the state and worldwide.

In the first lawsuit of its kind, California Attorney General Rob Bonta alleged that ExxonMobil has engaged "in a decades-long campaign of deception that caused and exacerbated the global plastics pollution crisis."

The lawsuit, filed Monday, seeks to hold the oil titan accountable for allegedly falsely promoting all plastics as recyclable, including a more recent effort to push the controversial practice of advanced recycling, also known as chemical recycling, as a solution. Some recent estimates suggest that only a small fraction of the plastic produced gets recycled: about 9 per cent worldwide and about 5 to 6 per cent in the United States.

A recent study found Earth's oceans contain more than 170 trillion pieces of plastic.

The Washington Post

WEST AFRICA

DOZENS OF BODIES FOUND IN BOAT ADRIFT ON MIGRANT ROUTE OFF SENEGAL

DAKAR, SENEGAL At least 30 bodies were found on a boat drifting off the coast of Senegal's capital, the military said Monday, as the number of migrants leaving West Africa increases.

The navy was informed of the vessel's presence on Sunday evening and sent out a boat patrol to the area, 70 kilometres from Dakar, Ibrahima Sow, spokesperson for Senegal's military said in a statement.

"So far, 30 bodies have been counted," Sow said.

The advanced state of decomposition of the bodies is making the identification process very difficult, the military said, adding that investigations will provide more information on the death toll and the boat's origin.

Earlier this month, a boat carrying 89 people on board capsized off the coast of Senegal. At least 37 people died, according to Senegalese authorities.

Many of the migrants leaving West Africa through Senegal flee conflict, poverty and a lack of jobs.

The Associated Press



IRAN

GRAMMY WINNER PARDONED OVER PROTEST ANTHEM

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES An Iranian Grammy Award winner said on Monday he was pardoned from serving a three-year sentence over his song that became an anthem to the 2022 protests that rocked the country following the death of Mahsa Amini in police custody.

Shervin Hajipour, who was presented his Grammy in 2023 by U.S. first lady Jill Biden, uploaded a video story on Instagram, looking overcome with emotion and saying: "A new order had been issued regarding amnesty, and it included my case which has been completely dismissed."

His song, "Baraye," or "For" in English, begins with: "For dancing in the streets," "for the fear we feel when we kiss." The lyrics list reasons that young Iranians posted online for why they had protested against Iran's ruling theocracy after Amini died for not wearing her mandated headscarf to the liking of security forces.

The Associated Press

TRANSPORT

MONTREAL-HALIFAX ROUTE CAN'T KEEP SCHEDULE: VIA HEAD

The chief executive of Via Rail acknowledged to a business audience Monday that its trains don't run on time. In a presentation to the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, Mario Péloquin said the "elephant in the room" is the fact the Montreal-to-Halifax train, known as the Ocean, can't keep its schedule. "Via owns only three per cent of the network on which we operate across Canada and we are aware that this has an impact on the Ocean's performance," Péloquin said. "My trains are late all the time. The Ocean doesn't arrive on time and there's infrastructure in New Brunswick that makes the schedule even longer." He said talks are continuing with CN Rail and other partners to try to improve a situation in which freight trains are given priority on rail lines causing delays for Via's passenger service. *The Canadian Press*



B.C. Tory leader says he regrets COVID shots

NDP POSTS VIDEO

Stephanie Ip

VANCOUVER • B.C. Conservative Leader John Rustad said in a video shared by the NDP that he regrets taking three shots of "the so-called vaccine" during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the newly surfaced video, posted to the B.C. NDP X account Monday, Rustad is seen on a video conference call sharing his experience with the COVID mRNA vaccine and interacting with provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry.

"Now, I've had three shots of the vaccine. I wish I hadn't, quite frankly," he said. "And it's one of the things that's changed in my thinking — the so-called vaccine, the COVID mRNA shots.

"When I talked to Bonnie Henry about it, I started to realize that it wasn't so much about, you know, trying to get herd immunity or trying to stop the spread, but it was more around shaping opinion and control on the population."

The video, shared by the NDP on Day 3 of British Columbia's provincial election, is an edited version of longer footage posted online by the B.C. Public Service Employees for Freedom, a group of former workers who believe they were discriminated against for refusing to get vaccinated during the pandemic. They are attempting to sue Henry for discrimination.

The group said the conversation with Rustad took place on June 14 in an online meeting with its members.

B.C. NDP Leader David Eby wasted no time seizing on the opportunity to call out Rustad during a media availability on Monday.

"How will he react to a measles outbreak in British Columbia? What will he say? Will he encourage people to get vaccinated? Measles kills kids. So these are not minor considerations. This is really important for British Columbians to know," Eby said.

He accused Rustad of being someone who "says one thing in a meeting, when he thinks it won't get out. Then he says another in public."

Rustad, who was in Surrey for a housing announcement Monday, was pressed about the anti-vaccine comments by several reporters but steered his answers back to housing.

"I understand how they (the B.C. NDP) want to distract away from the real issues," Rustad said in response to a question about the clip.

When pressed again, Rustad said it was "horrendous" that "unvaccinated nurses and doctors weren't permitted back into the system." However, the ban on unvaccinated healthcare workers in B.C. was rescinded earlier this year, with the exception of a handful of facilities where vaccination is still required.

Later in the media availability, Rustad fielded another question about the video.

"We're here talking about this issue of affordability. ... I understand why the NDP have decided to talk about things like vaccines, because they cannot defend their policies," he said.

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Late-night host Stephen Colbert was set to interview Justin Trudeau on Monday amid the prime minister's U.S. visit.

COMMENT

Colbert appearance highlights Trudeau's weakness for media

Tristin Hopper

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's planned appearance on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert on Monday night is just the latest example of the Canadian leader's unusual weakness for U.S. media appearances.

It was not clear what Trudeau intended to discuss on the late-night talk show, but the prime minister was in New York City for the United Nations General Assembly. His fellow guest on the broadcast was drag queen RuPaul Charles.

In just the past calendar year, Trudeau has also made dedicated appearances on the U.S. podcasts Today, Explained and Freakonomics — both of which he used to pitch his latest federal budget. Back in 2015, Trudeau had only been prime minister for a matter of weeks when he posed for the cover of Vogue magazine.

This has all been in sharp contrast to Trudeau's predecessors, all of whom generally got through their tenures with only the occasional quote to a U.S. newswire service.

This is even true of Brian Mulroney, easily the most overtly pro-American Canadian leader of the past 50 years. When Mulroney addressed a joint session of the U.S. Congress in 1988, his U.S. media appearances consisted exclusively of a 24-minute joint press conference with then-U.S. president Ronald Reagan.

Similarly, Jean Chrétien's comments to Americans were limited either to joint press conferences with the U.S. president, or one time in 2000 when he addressed a crowd at Duke University to praise their Canadian studies program. "I am told that Duke has produced more PhDs in Canadian studies than all other U.S. colleges combined," Chrétien told the North Carolina school.

On the rare occasion that a Canadian prime minister ever appears on U.S. TV, it is usually to pitch Americans on an issue of mutual interest.

Prime minister Stephen Harper made just two appearances on U.S. cable news during his nine year premiership. The first, in 2009, was a brief sit-down with CNBC in which he urged U.S. lawmakers away from protectionist policies and talked up the necessity of Canadian oil to U.S. energy security.

> IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHAT TRUDEAU INTENDED TO DISCUSS ON THE LATE-NIGHT TALK SHOW.

"It is the one secure, growing, market-based source of energy that the United States has. So there will be no choice but to import oilsands," he said.

The second was in 2015, when Harper hosted a Bloomberg TV crew in his office for 13 minutes of questions about fiscal policy.

Notably, Harper explicitly declined a 2013 interview with the conservative publication National Review even after it promised to put him on the cover. "For some months, National Review sought an interview with Harper. In the end, his office declined — politely, their being Canadian and all," read the subsequent cover story.

The closest a Canadian prime minister has ever come to appearing on a late night comedy program would be a series of appearances that Kim Campbell made on Real Time With Bill Maher. The first occurring in 2004, when the former Canadian leader was on a panel with comic George Carlin and linguist John McWhorter. Although at the time, Campbell had been out of politics for 11 years.

Trudeau's two U.S. podcast appearances were conducted amid his media tour for the 2024 budget, and would focus heavily on his assertion that his domestic poll numbers were falling as a result of an irrational populist wave ginned up by the Conservatives.

"In every democracy, we're seeing a rise in populists with easy answers that don't necessarily hold up to any expert scrutiny. But a big part of populism is ignoring experts and expertise, so it sort of feeds on itself and relies on a lot of misinformation and disinformation," was how Trudeau outlined the phenomenon to Vox's Today, Explained.

Trudeau's Sunday speech to the UN General Assembly touched on many of the same general themes, with the prime minister also taking an extended tangent to boast about his government's $10-a-day daycare program, dental care program and homebuilding plan.

"These are choices that deliver on the promise of Canada for every generation," he said.

National Post

NDP pushes Liberals on Palestinian statehood

PRE-EMPT ELECTION

Dylan Robertson

OTTAWA • The NDP is urging the Liberals to recognize Palestinian statehood, warning that a Conservative government would not protect international law in the Middle East.

"If we go to an election within weeks or months, and if there is a Conservative government, this will not happen," NDP foreign affairs critic Heather McPherson said Monday.

She accused the Liberals of lacking "moral courage and political will" to advance the Trudeau government's stated goal of advancing a two-state solution, where Israel and a Palestinian country exist peacefully.

McPherson says Canada ought to recognize Palestinian statehood before any snap election. Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre has been leading in the polls for months, and McPherson argued the party has been uncritically supportive of Israel.

"We have heard from Pierre Poilievre and the Conservatives that they have no interest in international law, they have no interest in protecting the rights of Palestinians," she said.

Tory foreign affairs critic Michael Chong wrote in a statement that Israel is defending itself against terrorism by Hamas and Hezbollah.

"Conservatives recognize that Israel is a democratic state defending itself in a fight between democracy and rising authoritarianism," he wrote. "There is no question which side Canada should be on."

The NDP is also seeking a two-way arms embargo, where Canada would go beyond barring new arms permits and actually block all military trade, including goods arriving from Israel.

The Liberals have restricted weapons sales by halting new permits and pausing some that were already in place. But the United States has proposed buying Canadian arms and sending them to Israel, which Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly has said she is looking into.

The NDP also wants Canada to go beyond sanctioning certain settlers in the West Bank and impose a ban on at least far-right ministers in the government of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. McPherson said two had uttered "genocidal language against the Palestinian people."

Ottawa condemned Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich last month for suggesting it would be justified to starve Palestinians until Israeli hostages captured by Hamas on October 7 are returned home.

The Liberals and Conservatives did not have an immediate response to McPherson's criticisms.

The Canadian Press



Heather McPherson

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SWANSON, Donald Murray "Murray"

December 13, 1949 - September 14, 2024

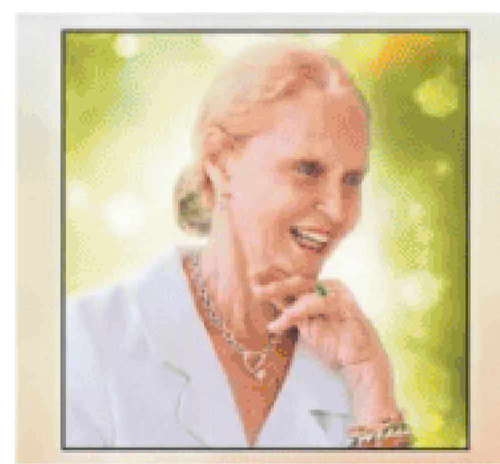
Donald Murray Swanson "Murray", 74, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on September 14, 2024 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Born on December 13, 1949 in High Prairie, Alberta, Murray spent his childhood in Valleyview where he developed a deep love for the community and the great outdoors. He later moved to Edmonton, where he became involved in the oil industry and met his wife, Barbara. Known for his strong work ethic and dedication, Murray was a respected entrepreneur who founded numerous successful companies. He spent considerable time working in Cambodia, where he fell in love with the people and the culture. He loved to travel, skidoo in the mountains of Alberta and British Columbia and was an avid motorcycle enthusiast. As a devoted grandfather, he took great joy in watching his grandsons play hockey at the local arenas.

Throughout his life, Murray was known for his kindness, sense of humor, and unwavering support for his loved ones. He will be deeply missed by his family, including his wife, Barbara; his daughter, Ashley Kuzio and her husband Mark, along with their children, Jack and Noah; Brother, Donnie (Bertha); Sisters, Trudy Havlik, Bonnie Colquhoun (Jim), Joanne Yelenik (Tony) and Marilyn Leslie (Bruce); his stepfather, Ricky Soderquist; and his aunt, Muriel Howse. Murray was predeceased by his father, Floyd Swanson; his mother, Elizabeth Soderquist; his brother, Richard (Bim) Soderquist; and his grandmother, Margo (Nana) Brown.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, where friends and family are invited to share their memories and honor his legacy. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in Murray's memory.





Norma "Rebecca" Hotchkiss

February 3, 1930
September 18, 2024

HOTCHKISS, Norma Rebecca

February 3, 1930 - September 18, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Rebecca Hotchkiss on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her family. We are heartbroken but grateful to have been blessed by her love, warmth and generous spirit.

Rebecca was predeceased by her husband, Harley Hotchkiss, and will be deeply missed by her five children, Paul (Tracy) Hotchkiss, Brenda (Jamie) Mackie, John (Eva) Hotchkiss, Richard (Louise) Hotchkiss, and Jeff (Sheryl) Hotchkiss, as well as eighteen grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Rebecca was proud of her Ontario farming roots, an upbringing she shared with Harley, her husband of 60 years until his passing in 2011. As teenagers, their eyes first met from across the baseball diamond. Harley starred for the opposing Straffordville team, who were playing the hometown Langton team, coached by Rebecca's dad.

Thus began a life together, with a devoted Rebecca assuming a quiet but integral role in supporting Harley's business and philanthropic efforts. She was as passionate about the Calgary Flames as Harley was. Their common background forged their shared values of hard work, integrity, humility, love for community and most of all, the importance of family.

Rebecca was sporty and athletic. As a girl - then Becky Boyd - she played baseball, and later in life possessed a wonderful, natural golf swing and was an accomplished tennis player. Disciplined about physical fitness throughout her life, Rebecca exuded a youthfulness that defied her age.

Rebecca was a wonderful hostess to her family, friends, and business leaders. She was a truly amazing cook and a world-class baker. Her pies were legendary.

Rebecca was loving, loyal, and protective of her family, whom she placed at the center of her life. She tightly wove the fabric of our family with her amazing family dinners, celebrations and wonderful, thoughtful travelling adventures with her children and grandchildren. She was a role model for us all. Rarely without a smile, usually singing like a songbird in the kitchen, she created a beautiful setting for her family to flourish within. She possessed a lovely, endearing sense of humour and a sharp wit, evident even in her final days.

Rebecca touched many lives with her grace, elegance and warmth. Her family will miss her dearly, but she will live on in our memories and we will forever be inspired by her love.

Funeral Services will be held at Lakeview United Church (3023 - 63rd Avenue S.W., Calgary, AB) on Friday, September 27, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. Family and friends who are unable to attend in person are invited to join Mrs. Hotchkiss' service streamed live on the day of the service at www.MHFH.com. For those who are unable to view live, a recording of the service will be posted.

If friends so desire, memorial tributes to the Hotchkiss Brain Institute may be made directly to the University of Calgary, 3330 Hospital Drive NW, Calgary, AB, T2N 4N1, Telephone (403) 220 - 2470 https://hbi.ucalgary.ca/donate. In the memo line, please designate the HOPE Program - Rebecca Hotchkiss Fund for Outstanding Progress in Brain Health Exploration.

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Rebecca's family at www.MHFH.com. In living memory of Norma "Rebecca" Hotchkiss, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes.





EVANS, Donna Mae (Nee Bratz)

May 16, 1936 - September 13, 2024

Age 88 years
Forever in Our Hearts

It is with great sorrow that we share the news of the sudden and unexpected passing of Donna, our beautiful wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, on Friday, September 13, 2024, at Foothills Hospital in Calgary, Alberta. She was surrounded by her beloved husband Ralph and her loving family, who stayed by her side.

Donna was born in Pincher Creek, Alberta and raised on the family farm with her four brothers Wilbur, Gordon, Ronald, and Darrell Bratz.

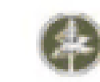
She met her soulmate Ralph Evans and married May 17, 1958, the day after her 22nd birthday. They recently celebrated their beautiful life together of 66 years, in the same home they raised their family located in Altadore, Calgary. Donna took great joy and pride in raising her children Doug, Tim, and Heather, as well as spending time with her eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Donna was predeceased by her parents William and Anne Bratz and her oldest brother Wilbur, as well as her sisters-in-law Sylvia and Doris. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband Ralph Evans, sons Doulgas (Ellen), Timothy (Ilona), and daughter Heather, as well as, her brothers Gordon, Ron (Pat), Darrell (Pat).

We invite you to join us on Friday September 27, 2024, at 2:00 pm, at Eden Brook Funeral Home for a celebration of Donna's life. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations to the Lutheran Women's Mission League Canada, The Alzheimer's Society of Alberta, or ProLife Alberta.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.edenbrookcemetery.ca



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Funeral Home & Cemetery
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WISHART, Shirley Aulta

1936-2024

It is with sadness and fond affection that we announce the passing of Shirley Aulta Wishart, a seeker of stories, a genealogist, poet, and lover of "all creatures great and small."

Shirley was predeceased by her beloved parents, Roy and Aulta Wishart; her brother, Vernon; and her sister-in-law, Patricia. She is survived by her brother, William (Bill); sister-in-law, Johanna; nephews, James, Mark (Barb), David (Debby), Ian, and Stephen (Claudine); nieces, Beth (Ian), Karen, and Sandy (Wayne); eight great-nieces and nephews; and three great-great-nieces and nephews.

Shirley was born a leap-year baby in Haynes, Alberta, and was raised in Carstairs. She became a medical records librarian and served communities in Alberta and British Columbia through her working years. A life-long learner, Shirley pursued continuing studies in Canadian history and creative writing and mastered the pen as a poet. She spent many a vacation crossing the Canadian prairies to research archival records and rebuild the Wishart family genealogical record, tracing our lineage to Scottish and Orcadian fur traders who married "Country Wives." Her efforts recovered our forgotten family and our connection to the land through our Cree, Ojibwe, and Métis forebearers. We are forever indebted to Shirley for giving us our family of old and honouring our ancestors.

Shirley passed away gently, with the rising of a glorious harvest moon, on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at the Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Rita Iwasiuk, Abigail Wipf, and Shirley's caregivers at the Edmonton General for the compassionate care they provided her with over the years. They were a blessing.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at St. Paul's United Church, 11526-76 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB, T6G 0K7.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be made to the S.P.C.A., 13620-163 Street NW, Edmonton, AB, T5V 0B2, or the Covenant Foundation, Suite #170, One Twelve Campus 10130-112 Street NW, Edmonton, AB, T5K 2K4.

To share photos, memories, and condolences, please visit www.fostermcgarvey.com.



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WILLMON, Lillian Dorothy

Sep 3, 1935 - Sep 21, 2024

Lillian "Lil" Willmon of Calgary, AB, passed away on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at the age of 89. Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Lil's family at www.MHFH.com.

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In Memoriams



JOHNSON, Michelle (Fuerbringer)

September 24, 1967 - May 4, 2002

Precious Michelle
I smiled when first I saw you
Soon I laughed the days away
Just watching my sweet baby
Grow through childhood
Till today a beautiful young woman
Stands before me at life's door
And soon right through
That door you'll leap
And skipping off
down your own street
You'll find in joy
the way was planned
And know the One
who holds your hand

Shining brightly in
our memories forever,
Susan, Wynn, Manfred, Lisa, Peter,
Elizabeth and family



Alberta premier rips PM's 'radical' Senate picks

Rahim Mohamed

Alberta's premier criticized a newly appointed Alberta senator at a speech on Saturday, calling Kristopher Wells a "radical, extreme LGBT activist."

In a video from the Canada Strong and Free Network event in Red Deer, Alta., Smith made the comments while lamenting that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had chosen to appoint Wells and another senator last month to two vacant Alberta seats.

She criticized the appointment for ignoring two women Albertans had chosen in a 2021 vote as Senate candidates, Pam Davidson and Erika Barootes, the latter of whom introduced Smith at the speech.

"Both of them should be sitting representing us in Ottawa, as opposed to a radical, extreme LGBT activist as well as a radical, extreme fundraiser for the Liberals," Smith said.

In the second instance, Smith was presumably referring to Trudeau's appointment of longtime Calgary Liberal Daryl Fridhandler.

Wells, who is gay, has spearheaded numerous pro-LGBT initiatives in his lengthy career as an educator and community activist and has advocated for transgender policy for adults and children.

Wells was quick to respond to the premier's provocation, tweeting shortly after the video went public: "I've know(n) @ABDanielle-Smith for over a decade. She knows my door is always open to meet with her any time she wants to talk about evidenced-based policy, rule of law, and human rights."

"There's nothing radical about following the Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms," he added.

Smith said later in the speech that Alberta would soon introduce measures to bar transgender athletes from competing in women's divisions, restrict gender-affirming medical interventions for minors and require that parents be notified when students change their pronouns at school.

Smith's criticism of Wells as radical and extreme continues a pattern of conflicting messaging on LGBT issues from the premier.

After years of staking out more live-and-let-live libertarian positions on gay issues, Smith abruptly changed course in January when she announced plans to roll out what could be Canada's most restrictive set of policies relating to trans-identifying minors.

The premier has muddied the waters further by waffling on exiled MLA Jennifer Johnson, who was not allowed to sit in Smith's government caucus after the last provincial election after comparing trans kids in school to feces in cookie batter.

Duane Bratt, a professor of political science at Calgary's Mount Royal University, said Smith's targeting of Wells over his LGBT advocacy may have been related to a high-stakes leadership review on the horizon for Smith.

"There's a core group within the UCP that's now fixated on trans issues," Bratt said, adding that Smith will need to hold that contingent's support.

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Estate of DANIEL RALPH WESTER who died on July 27, 2024

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with: SHELLEY E. WAITE, KC
at: Suite 300, 14505 Bannister Road SE
Calgary, AB T2X3J3

If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

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Intact Financial Corporation

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Estate of William Joseph George Buteau; aka William Joseph Buteau; Bill Buteau; William Buteau; who died on May 2, 2024.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by November 1, 2024, and provide details of your claim with:

Summit Legal Group
Attn: Sean V. Green
#200 30 Glendeer Circle SE
Calgary, AB T2H 2Z7.

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NOTICE TO: Brittany Nicole Lalonde: TAKE NOTICE that ZHIVOV LAW, 108- 7710 – 5 Street SE, Calgary, AB T2H-2L9, has issued a Statement of Claim and Notice to the Defendant in the Court of Kings's Bench in the Judicial District of Calgary, Action Number 2301-09844, with respect to personal injuries suffered by MARIA TERESA MANALAD, in a motor vehicle accident which occurred on or about October 16, 2021, in the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta. The aforementioned Plaintiff is seeking general damages for pain, suffering, loss of enjoyment of life and other non-pecuniary losses, past, present, and future, in the sum of $225,000.00, special and pecuniary damages, past, present, and future, in the sum to be determined at trial, and other such damages in the sum to be determined at trial. The grounds alleged are stated in the Statement of Claim, a copy of which will be mailed to you upon the request directed to Zhivov Law, 108- 7710 – 5 Street SE, Calgary, AB T2H-2L9. Your whereabouts being unknown, the Court has ordered Substitutional Service upon you by this advertisement.

Should you wish to oppose the claim, or seek other relief, you must promptly take steps in accordance with the Notice to you endorsed on the Statement of Claim or instruct your lawyer to do so. If within 33 days after this publication, you fail to file with the said Clerk and serve upon Zhivov Law, a Statement of Defence or Demand of Notice, the Plaintiff may proceed according to the practice of the Court of King's Bench to note you in default, and you will not thereafter be entitled to notice of any further proceedings and the relief sought by the Plaintiff may be given in your absence.

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Estate of **Barry Keith Dempsey** who died on **April 25, 2024**

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by: November 1, 2024 with:

Aaron V. Robertson of MHR Law LLP
at: **#1, 5401 – 49 Avenue**
Olds AB T4H 1G3

If you do not file by the date set out above, the estate property may be lawfully distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

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Estate of Gerhard Friedrich Anton Brinkmann, also known as Gerhard F. Brinkmann, Garry Brinkmann Who died on August 4, 2024

If you have a claim against the Estate you must file your claim by October 31, 2024 And provide details of your claim with:

Kahane Law Office
Attention: Jacob D. Plotsky
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Joel Fagliano

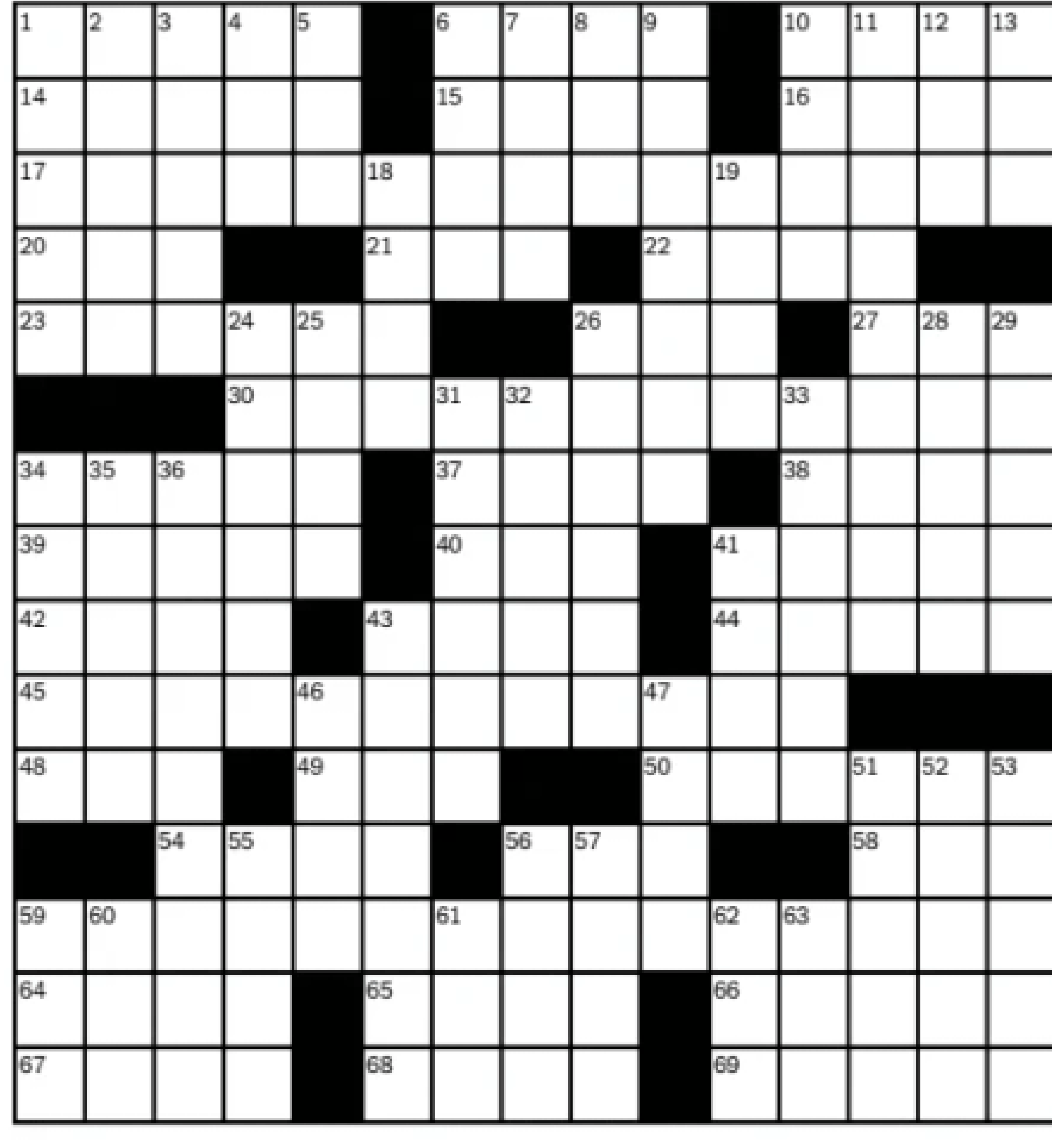
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10 Letters on old Soviet rockets
14 Eschew the subway, say
15 Boo
16 Surrounding glow
17 Superscript by a brand name
20 Ballpark fig.
21 Losing line in tic-tac-toe
22 Major in mass communication?
23 "Won't Get Fooled Again" rockers
26 The "F" of FTW
27 Actress Wray of "King Kong"
30 Fighter jet's landing spot
34 Neighbor of an Uzbek
37 Longtime Heat coach Spoelstra
38 Annoys
39 Singer with the albums "21," "25" and "30"
40 Director Ang
41 Man of Marseilles
42 Not doing much
43 ___ ring
44 Areas for altars
45 Investment banking giant
48 Lead-in to "-hoo"
49 Apple platform
50 Extended period of inactivity
54 Final opponent in a video game level
56 With 57-Down, lacking in variety
58 Dave Brubeck's "Blue Rondo ___ Turk"
59 Best Picture winner of 1965 ... or a description of the ends of 17-, 30- and 45-Across?
64 Chef's creation
65 "Sure, sure ..."
66 Kick out
67 Greek founder of Stoicism
68 Stun with a jolt
69 Things on a to-do list

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1 Set of white pawns in chess, e.g.
2 Everglades ecosystem
3 Subside
4 Put out of sight
5 Had a ball ... a meatball, that is
6 Warrior in the "Iliad"
7 Sub sandwich
8 "A spider!"
9 Logical "Star Trek" character
10 Setting for "Wet Hot American Summer"
11 Offices with partitioned workspaces, in slang
12 ___-Magnon man
13 Bud
18 Tie at the dock
19 Days long ago
24 Cried loudly
25 Take to the trail
26 Curly-haired friend of Charlie Brown
28 "I'm here if you have questions!"
29 Green lights
31 Certain convicted criminals
32 Twistable treats
33 Tissue sample test
34 Evergreen forest that covers much of Canada
35 Extra
36 Item in a classic guessing contest
41 "LOL"
43 Iconic outfit for a noted chairman
46 Japanese soup flavoring
47 Staff leader?
51 "Wonderwall" group
52 Movie, informally
53 "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not to his own ___": Daniel Patrick Moynihan
55 1952 Winter Olympics host
56 Poems of praise
57 See 56-Across
59 Celebrity gossip website
60 ___-haw
61 Org. associated with the John Tesh instrumental "Roundball Rock"
62 Got together
63 2019 March Madness champs, for short



PUZZLE BY SAM BUCHBINDER

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OTPP TO SELL BRAZIL MALL STAKE



Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, one of Canada's largest institutional investors, is set to unload its stake in Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios SA, the Brazilian mall operator it first invested in 2006. The company agreed to buy back about 90 million shares from the Canadian fund, in a deal that still needs shareholders' approval. The remaining 21.2 million shares will be acquired by the controlling and founding Peres family, according to a filing. The fund is likely to rake in about US$450 million. Even though the repurchase program may increase the company's leverage ratio, the mall operator can still maintain its spending plans, focusing on expansions, said BTG Pactual's Gustavo Cambauva in a note to clients. "The company is mulling options to reduce its debt level and considering some asset sales," Multiplan chief executive Eduardo Kaminitz Peres said. *Bloomberg*

Barclays adds to Canada hiring spree with former Citigroup exec

DEREK DECLOET and PAULA SAMBO

Barclays PLC has hired Ken Davis to lead its Western Canada operation, bulking up its deal making team in the heartland of the country's energy and commodities sectors.

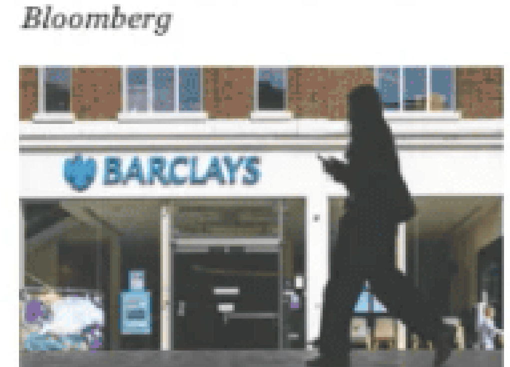
Davis was most recently at Citigroup Inc., where he was in charge of the bank's business in Canadian natural resources and clean-energy transition. He'll be based out of Barclays' Calgary office. Prior to that, he worked for Goldman Sachs Group Inc.

Barclays also snagged Greg Petit as head of infrastructure, power and utilities banking in Canada. He held a senior role in covering the same industries for BMO Capital Markets, where he worked for more than 18 years, according to his LinkedIn page. He'll be based in Toronto.

Davis and Petit will both report to Ryan Voegeli, whom Barclays hired at the start of this year to rebuild a banking team that had been hit by a wave of departures that included Canada chief executive Bruce Rothney. Last month, the bank announced the hiring of veteran Stephen Stewart as head of mergers and acquisitions execution for Canada.

"Greg and Ken will continue to build on our strong momentum in Canada by deepening our coverage of the infrastructure and energy transition sectors across North America as well as reinforcing our commitment to Western Canadian clients more broadly," Geoffrey Belsher, chairman and country head for Barclays in Canada, said in a statement.

Earlier this week, Barclays announced the expansion of its investment-banking franchise in North America with two hires and a promotion in its industrial practice in the U.S. It hired Derek McNulty as global co-head of chemicals investment banking, Derek Davidson as head of Americas commercial, residential and industrials services and named Jared Itkowitz head of Americas transportation and logistics, according to a memo seen by Bloomberg News.
Bloomberg



Barclays PLC is increasing its deal-making presence in Canada's energy sector. *BLOOMBERG FILES*



TD Bank, once a champion of organic growth, deviated from that strategy under CEO Bharat Masran and his predecessor, writes John Turley-Ewart, who adds that growth can only be sustained when basic principles of banking are understood and followed as matter of course. *PETER J. THOMPSON FILES*

COMMENT

Failure to land big acquisition will mar Masrani's legacy at TD Bank

Collapse of US $13B First Horizon deal opened door to money-laundering probe

JOHN TURLEY-EWART

Wearing the worst mistake in Toronto-Dominion Bank's 169-year history is not how Bharat Masrani expected to end his 10-year tenure as CEO. U.S. allegations that TD facilitated money laundering by criminal drug gangs in three states to the tune of US$653 million are all that Bay and Wall streets are talking about when his bank is mentioned these days.

Yet in the arc of TD Bank's history, Masrani will be remembered not just for undermining the bank's position with U.S. regulators, but also for stumbling on a larger project, one that began in the mid-1990s under Charles Baillie's leadership. As president and later CEO, Baillie initiated an aggressive growth strategy that included large acquisitions, buying Waterhouse Securities in 1996 to complement the TD Securities business he had created some years before.

In 2000, Baillie struck a deal with Ed Clark, CEO of Canada Trust, to buy the London, Ont.-based trust company. The acquisition would see Clark installed as CEO of a larger TD Bank in 2002 to continue Baillie's work.

What was different about the mid-1990s TD strategy that culminated in the Canada Trust merger in 2000? It cut a new path to growth for TD that it had historically avoided — using large acquisitions to supercharge expansion. It was a change that Clark and his successor, Masrani, fully embraced.

For much of its history, TD had been a master of organic growth, a lower-risk strategy that relies on a mix of operational excellence and business acumen to drive expansion. This approach typically helps preserve operational efficiencies through discipline and organizational culture. It requires the leadership of the bank to stress excellence in execution of basic banking principles.

These ideas were deeply embedded in the bank's DNA. The Bank of Toronto was founded in 1855, and the Dominion Bank launched in 1871. Both were well-managed from the start, focused on building economic opportunities in and around Toronto and, after Confederation in 1867, Western Canada. At a time in the early history of Canadian banking when so many banks failed, neither of these banks were cause for worry in Ottawa.

In the typical quest for scale, however, most Canadian banks leaned heavily on acquisitions in their early years. Bank of Montreal, Canada's oldest bank (founded in 1817), had absorbed seven banks by 1925; Royal Bank did one better by buying eight banks by 1925; Scotiabank had taken-over five by 1919; and the Canadian Bank of Commerce — now CIBC — was the master of mergers, having completed 14 of them by 1961.

The Dominion Bank and Bank of Toronto stood apart from this trend until 1955 when they joined forces to become the Toronto-Dominion Bank. Interestingly, the new TD Bank pursued an organic growth strategy that looked much the same as the one the banks had pursued individually prior to the merger. TD appeared for many years to be the exception to rule in Canadian banking that acquisitions were key to successful growth.

After the purchase of Canada Trust in 2000, TD set its sights on the U.S retail banking market. In 2005, TD dropped US$3.8 billion on Banknorth, taking a majority position in the New England bank that it renamed TD Banknorth. Three years later TD acquired Commerce Bancorp, which had branches in New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., and parts of Florida. The Toronto-Dominion Bank, an Ontario-born institution initially started to support industry, farming and the development of Western Canada, had become TD Bank, "America's Most Convenient Bank."

Masrani's contribution to this strategy was to have been TD's US$13-billion deal to buy U.S.-based First Horizon. Announced in February 2022, the acquisition of First Horizon would have grown the Canadian bank's footprint across 12 states in the Southeastern U.S. while adding more than a million new business and personal clients. But U.S. regulators would have none of it, and eventually it was revealed that the lapses in anti-money-laundering controls were a big part of the problem. In May 2023, with regulatory approval nowhere in sight, the deal was terminated.

Over the course of its growth by acquisition strategy in the U.S., TD Bank lost the operational effectiveness and discipline that was the basis of its success historically. How that success came to be is not a mystery. Back in 1915 the Bank of Toronto published a 119-page book with 1001 rules that it gave to staff explaining how to run a safe, profitable bank.

Rule 302 is as relevant today as it was then. It notes bankers must be satisfied "as to the circumstances and character of the customer before accepting the business" and that "the legal responsibility that the bank by necessity must assume ... makes business with strangers risky out of all proportion to any possible profit to be derived."

For Raymond Chun, who will become TD's next CEO in 2025, it may be helpful to read the Bank of Toronto's little book on how to run a sound bank. It symbolizes what cultivates success in banking. Namely, that growth can only be sustained when the basic principles of banking are understood and followed as matter of course. Such were the building blocks of the Toronto-Dominion Bank's good fortune for much of its history.
Special to Financial Post
John Turley-Ewart is a regulatory compliance consultant and Canadian banking historian.

Debate on Northvolt called for amid Northvolt job cuts

PHILIP AUTHIER

QUEBEC The province's minister of the economy, innovation and energy is downplaying fears that the massive Northvolt battery manufacturer plant under construction on Montreal's South Shore could be in jeopardy following news of job cuts in Sweden.

"There is a worldwide slowdown which affects the battery industry," Christine Fréchette said Monday. "It is a controlled risk.

"Northvolt assures us its project in Quebec is not affected by these announcements.

"We are in direct contact with the company."

Fréchette was reacting to Northvolt's announcement Monday that it is cutting 1,600 jobs in Sweden — about 20 per cent of its workforce — as it plans to "concentrate all energy and investments on (its) core activities" in a difficult financial context.

The $7-billion project has seen Ottawa and Quebec pledge $2.4 billion in funding. However, the form of project may be revised given Northvolt's decision to prioritize battery cell production over cathode-related activities.

On Monday, Parti Québécois Leader Paul St-Pierre Plamondon asked the president of the National Assembly, Nathalie Roy, to allow two hours Tuesday for an emergency debate.

He accused Premier François Legault of misleading the legislature and deliberately hiding facts of the project, which now appears to be in danger.

In a heated exchange last week, Legault insisted the only money actually spent was a $240-million loan guarantee for the firm to buy the land for its plant.
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Birchcliff	5.71	+0.13
Bonterra Energy	3.86	+0.04
Canacol Energy	3.49	+0.18
Cardinal Energy	6.40	-0.05
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Gibson Energy	22.62	+0.15
Gran Tierra	8.34	-0.16
Imperial Oil	94.97	+1.88
Kelt Exploration	6.19	-0.11
MEG Energy	25.68	-0.03
NuVista Energy	11.39	-0.06
Obsidian Energy	7.86	-0.06
Paramount	25.75	+0.05
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Suncor Energy	51.12	+0.65
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Tamarack Valley Energy	4.13	-0.07
Touchstone Exploration	0.60	+0.01
Tourmaline	59.38	+0.88
Valeura Energy	4.36	-0.27
Vermilion	13.33	+0.09
Whitecap	10.47	-0.02
Yangarra Resources	1.07	+0.03
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AltaGas	33.64	+0.83
ATCO	45.74	+0.54
Akita Drilling	1.51	+0.02
Alaris Equity Partners	17.48	+0.13
Big Rock Brewery	1.20	unch.
Black Diamond Group	9.90	-0.21
Boardwalk REIT	87.04	-1.18
Calfrac Well	3.85	-0.05
Cdn Pacific	115.60	-0.86
Cdn Utilities	35.00	+0.50
CES Energy Solutions	7.68	+0.06
Comp Model	11.42	-0.19
DIRTT Enviro	0.73	+0.02
Enbridge	55.22	+0.24
Enerflex	7.98	+0.11
Ensign Energy	2.63	+0.02
Freehold Rylties	14.31	-0.20
Gamehost	10.47	+0.09
Genesis Land Devel	4.15	-0.08
Gibson Energy	22.62	+0.15
High Arctic Energy Svcs	1.18	-0.03
Keyera	41.89	+0.82
Mainstreet Eqty	191.75	-0.94
Maxim Power Corp.	3.90	unch.
Mullen Group	14.46	+0.09
NXT Energy Solutions	0.25	unch.
Olympia Financial Grp	100.00	-1.00
Oncolytics Biotech	1.23	-0.03
Parkland Corp.	34.97	-0.04
Pason Systems	13.18	-0.04
Pembina Pipeline	55.51	+0.44
PHX Energy Services	9.69	+0.09
PrairieSky Royalty	27.98	-0.14
Precision Drilling	88.00	-2.16
Pulse Seismic	2.48	+0.12
Resverlogix Corp.	0.065	unch.
Secure Energy	12.50	+0.51
STEP Energy Services	3.81	-0.05
TC Energy Corp.	63.62	+0.97
Tidewater Midstream	0.29	-0.02
Total Energy	9.20	+0.01
TransAlta	13.59	+0.30
Trican	4.76	-0.09
Western Energy Svcs	2.70	unch.
Willow Biosciences	0.10	unch.

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NORTH AMERICAN INDEXES

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE

Index	Close	Net ch	% ch	Vol 00s	Day high	Day low	52wk high	52wk low	Wk %ch	YTD %ch	52wk %ch
Capped Energy	266.63	+1.78	+0.7	680908	269.58	264.27	307.77	230.69	+2.7	+10.2	+3.2
Capped Materials	397.36	-2.95	-0.7	805661	404.11	397.15	404.47	278.81	+0.4	+25.4	+23.8
Global Mining	122.71	+0.20	+0.2	2107685	124.18	122.64	130.09	98.57	+1.7	+8.2	+17.1
Global Gold	376.36	-2.46	-0.6	822054	383.94	376.36	384.23	238.95	+0.3	+32.3	+38.9
Capped Industrials	459.77	-0.69	-0.1	108438	460.62	458.08	474.16	373.27	-1.5	+8.8	+15.0
Capped Consumer Disc	294.02	+0.61	+0.2	47933	294.76	292.57	294.76	248.42	+1.2	+7.6	+14.8
Capped Consumer Stap	1,032.49	+9.76	+1.0	39960	1,033.12	1,022.96	1,046.13	809.00	-0.7	+19.3	+25.0
Capped Health Care	27.04	-0.20	-0.7	36455	27.26	26.78	28.80	19.84	+1.8	+14.0	+17.1
Capped Financials	450.29	-0.69	-0.2	481313	451.17	448.15	452.02	318.78	+1.0	+17.3	+28.5
Capped Info Tech	237.85	+1.59	+0.7	138539	237.85	235.75	237.85	166.15	+3.0	+11.8	+35.0
Capped Telecom	166.57	-0.84	-0.5	69728	167.48	166.14	181.83	144.60	-0.4	-3.5	+0.7
Capped Utilities	309.81	+1.70	+0.6	151661	310.41	308.10	314.29	246.90	-0.9	+9.7	+10.0
Capped Real Estate	354.39	+0.50	+0.1	48534	355.31	353.01	356.44	260.83	+0.2	+14.5	+19.8
S&P/TSX Composite	23,894.71	+27.34	+0.1	2992710	23,961.44	23,807.70	23,961.44	18,692.06	+0.8	+14.0	+20.8
Capped Composite	27,683.78	+31.67	+0.1	2992710	27,761.09	27,582.97	27,761.09	21,656.13	+0.8	+14.0	+20.8
TSX Unweighted	416.66	+0.14	nil	2992723	n.a.	n.a.	416.66	322.36	+1.3	+17.2	+21.2
S&P/TSX 60	1,434.05	+2.11	+0.1	1415937	1,436.87	1,428.18	1,436.87	1,122.19	+0.7	+13.4	+20.9
S&P/TSX 60 Capped	1,585.77	+2.34	+0.1	1415937	1,588.89	1,579.28	1,588.89	1,240.92	+0.7	+13.4	+20.9
S&P/TSX Completion	1,431.43	-0.34	nil	1576773	1,440.71	1,428.51	1,440.71	1,118.13	+1.2	+16.7	+20.2
S&P/TSX SmallCap	805.63	-2.23	-0.3	1212478	813.86	804.99	813.86	638.68	+1.0	+14.8	+18.8
Income Trust	229.67	-0.04	nil	53974	230.64	229.04	230.64	168.41	+0.2	+10.7	+13.7
Capped REIT	178.57	+0.29	+0.2	44334	179.44	178.18	179.81	136.42	nil	+10.9	+14.0

Index	Close	Net ch	% ch	Day high	Day low	52wk high	52wk low	52wk %ch
FINANCIAL POST								
FPX Growth	7,151.10	+4.58	+0.1	n.a.	n.a.	7,164.92	5,805.98	+19.9
FPX Balanced	6,127.58	+4.01	+0.1	n.a.	n.a.	6,137.25	5,107.06	+17.3
FPX Income	5,227.69	+3.90	+0.1	n.a.	n.a.	5,235.88	4,464.22	+14.7
TSX VENTURE EXCHANGE								
Composite	588.20	+3.29	+0.6	589.97	587.01	623.85	506.65	+3.2
DOW JONES								
Industrials	42,124.65	+61.29	+0.1	42,190.05	42,012.22	42,190.05	32,327.20	+24.0
Transportation	15,884.52	+129.52	+0.8	15,918.91	15,752.94	16,413.23	13,471.47	+6.0
Utilities	1,058.35	+7.49	+0.7	1,060.67	1,051.81	1,064.49	765.47	+21.5
Composite	13,415.88	+50.68	+0.4	13,424.07	13,363.80	13,505.28	10,564.68	+18.7
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE								
Composite	19,445.43	+71.69	+0.4	19,458.77	19,373.74	19,471.24	14,638.37	+24.9
Energy	13,809.83	+148.05	+1.1	13,883.99	13,661.78	15,093.27	12,539.06	+0.7
Financial	11,721.31	+29.15	+0.2	11,754.37	11,692.16	11,754.37	8,131.53	+33.1
Health Care	27,771.44	-83.18	-0.3	27,874.93	27,713.01	28,535.72	21,941.17	+19.4
NYSE MKT								
Composite	5,071.82	+49.02	+1.0	5,087.65	5,010.70	5,336.11	4,332.72	+13.7
Major Market	3,878.64	+14.47	+0.4	3,883.69	3,864.17	3,883.69	2,949.62	+25.0
NASDAQ STOCK MARKET								
Composite	17,974.27	+25.95	+0.1	18,021.58	17,936.37	18,671.07	12,543.86	+36.0
Industrials	10,674.33	+120.62	+1.1	10,680.39	10,579.48	10,680.39	7,954.95	+23.9
Insurance	16,306.49	+142.07	+0.9	16,311.37	16,225.42	16,392.15	11,612.39	+34.1
Banks	4,210.95	-19.56	-0.5	4,259.46	4,204.72	4,436.47	2,791.43	+39.9
Financial	11,607.30	+25.14	+0.2	11,664.13	11,591.68	11,726.03	9,176.29	+18.6
Transportation	6,684.87	-16.73	-0.2	6,715.75	6,660.90	7,359.98	5,531.03	+11.4
Telecomms	438.47	+4.14	+1.0	438.67	434.92	438.67	371.78	+5.8
100 Index	19,852.20	+60.71	+0.3	19,892.78	19,797.82	20,690.97	14,058.33	+35.0
RUSSELL								
2000	2,220.28	-7.61	-0.3	2,238.41	2,215.26	2,300.00	1,633.67	+25.0
STANDARD & POOR'S								
500 Composite	5,718.57	+16.02	+0.3	5,725.36	5,704.22	5,733.57	4,103.78	+32.4
Industrials	1,131.53	+7.43	+0.7	1,133.30	1,124.34	1,133.90	813.21	+31.3
Financials	756.57	+0.76	+0.1	760.11	755.23	761.21	460.41	+34.8
Utilities	408.30	+3.93	+1.0	408.53	405.24	408.53	278.06	+26.9
100 Stocks	2,748.02	+5.92	+0.2	2,752.06	2,739.74	2,758.54	1,932.10	+35.7
VALUE LINE								
Arithmetic	10,929.63	+23.28	+0.2	10,948.84	10,898.02	11,015.90	8,297.29	+22.0

COMMODITIES

NYMEX GAS



US$2.61
US18¢

GOLD



US$2,626.50
US$6.60

SILVER



US$30.76
-US52¢

CRUDE OIL PRICING



WEST TEXAS INTERMEDIATE

US$71.23
-US$1.49

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INTERNATIONAL INDEXES

Index	Close	Net ch	% ch	52wk high	52wk low	Wk %ch
WORLD (MIDDAY)						
MSCI (US$)	3676.84	-12.68	-0.3	3689.52	2731.99	n.a.
AUSTRALIA						
All Ords	8384.20	-53.00	-0.6	8437.20	6960.20	+0.5
BRAZIL						
BRSP	130568.37	-497.07	-0.4	137343.96	112531.52	-3.4
BRITAIN						
FT Ords	2822.50	+13.30	+0.5	2931.70	2498.90	-0.1
FTSE 100	8259.71	+29.72	+0.4	8445.80	7291.28	-0.2
FT 500	5403.57	+16.55	+0.3	5540.82	4824.13	-0.5
FT All Shr	4515.00	+13.92	+0.3	4596.71	3933.17	-0.2
FT Eur Top	4039.47	+17.25	+0.4	4149.65	3425.66	+0.1
CHINA						
Shenzhen	1496.82	+2.16	+0.2	1936.49	1433.10	+1.4
Shanghai	2748.92	+12.10	+0.4	3171.15	2702.19	+1.7
GERMANY						
DAX	18846.79	+126.78	+0.7	19002.38	14687.41	+1.1
HONG KONG						
HangSeng	18247.11	-11.46	-0.1	19636.22	14961.18	+4.7
INDIA						
Sensex	84928.61	+384.30	+0.5	84928.61	63148.15	+2.3
JAPAN						
Nikkei	clsd.	n.a.	n.a.	42224.02	30526.88	n.a.
MEXICO						
Gen IPC	52465.59	+275.11	+0.5	58658.71	48166.92	+0.9
TAIWAN						
Weighted	22285.53	+126.11	+0.6	24390.03	16001.27	+2.0

MARKET DIARIES

	Volume 00s	Prev day 00s	Adv	Adv vol 00s	Dec	Dec vol 00s	Unch	Issues traded
TSX	6150456	14178072	864	4051059	917	1890677	292	2,073
TSX Venture	1386341	1881426	294	438804	346	475907	392	1,032
NEO	201006	216711	814	83387	788	74163	377	1,979
CSE	472594	394386	119	228664	132	131811	174	425
New York	9783423	40372282	1,523	5789716	1,244	3809282	98	2,865
NYSE MKT	185419	1635101	123	107907	161	73635	18	302
NASDAQ	11296088	36951271	1,800	6118742	2,385	4972712	196	4,381

CURRENCIES

Currency	In $Cdn	Currency	In $Cdn	Currency	In $Cdn
Argentina peso	0.0014	Hong Kong dollar	0.1734	Saudi Arabia riyal	0.3597
Australia dollar	0.9238	India rupee	0.0162	Singapore dollar	1.0460
Bahamas dollar	1.3497	Japan yen	0.0094	South Africa rand	0.0779
Brazil real	0.2440	S. Korea won	0.0010	Sweden krona	0.1324
Chile peso	0.0015	Kuwait dinar	4.4246	Switzerland franc	1.5940
Chinese yuan	0.1914	Mexico peso	0.0695	Taiwan dollar	0.0421
Czech koruna	0.0597	Norway krone	0.1288	Thailand baht	0.0410
Denmark krone	0.2012	Pakistan rupee	0.0049	Ukraine hryvna	0.0326
Dominican peso	0.0224	Philippine peso	0.0241	U.A.E. dirham	0.3675
Egypt pound	0.0277	Poland zloty	0.3514	U.K. pound	1.8013
Euro	1.5009	Russia rouble	0.0145	U.S. dollar	1.3497

TSX

MOST ACTIVE

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
Cdn Natural Res	167622	45.67	+0.42
TC Energy Corp	137721	63.62	+0.97
B2Gold	131750	4.40	-0.14
Suncor Energy	96742	51.12	+0.65
TD Bank	91710	86.31	-1.24
Denison Mines	82872	2.37	+0.09
BtaProNGLevDyBu	77000	3.21	+0.28
Manulife Finl	74164	38.97	-0.02
NexGen Energy	69443	8.79	+0.31
Calibre Mining	58866	2.63	-0.12

TOP % GAINERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
IsoEnergy	5806	3.42	+12.1
TerrAscend	1097	1.68	+11.3
BtaProNGLevDyBu	77000	3.21	+9.6
TrueNorth RE un	546	13.28	+6.8
Dom Lending Cen	245	4.00	+6.7
HLS Therapeutic	99	3.41	+6.6
Nuvo Comm Splt	38	4.45	+6.0
Canacol Energy	477	3.49	+5.4
Pine Cliff Enrg	3928	1.02	+5.2
Uranium Rty	3918	3.28	+5.1

TOP % LOSERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
HealWELL AI Inc	7253	1.25	-12.6
BProNGInvLeDyBe	3608	71.60	-9.6
COSCIENS Biopha	95	5.13	-7.7
Enbridge pf I	11	20.50	-7.7
Patriot Battery	1383	3.18	-6.5
SSR Mining Inc	13859	7.68	-6.1
i-80 Gld	10294	1.41	-6.0
Valeura Energy	3243	4.36	-5.8
Lion Elec	5420	0.99	-5.7
Helix BioPharma	35	1.19	-5.6

NASDAQ

TOP % GAINERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
Kaival Brands I	170482	1.35	+133.2
Laser Photonics	13779	18.80	+80.6
Treasure Global	101829	1.19	+75.0
Nuvve Holdings	44452	6.68	+70.4
Uxin	21153	2.48	+54.0
POET Tech	18419	4.40	+40.1
Bullfrog AI Hld	1447	3.19	+32.4
Eightco Holding	2623	3.20	+25.5
SolarBank	1571	4.30	+25.4
iSpecimen	1043	5.56	+23.6

TOP % LOSERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
Advent Technolo	152	2.26	-28.0
Anebulo Phrmctc	217	2.22	-27.9
Banzai Internat	1843	4.20	-26.2
Gaxos.AI	1019	1.80	-25.6
Jin Med Intl	3028	3.08	-24.5
ShiftPixy	358	0.91	-24.3
Next Technology	948	1.01	-23.5
Scilex Holding	4408	0.79	-21.4
PAVmed	189	1.29	-19.9
RDE	46	2.91	-18.7

NYSE

TOP % GAINERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
Markforged Hold	999	2.49	+30.4
Amprius Tchnlgy	4185	1.13	+27.1
MultiPlan Corp	993	8.95	+19.0
Biohaven	8457	45.94	+13.7
Four Seasons Ed	41	10.01	+13.5
Hyliion Holding	7318	2.31	+12.1
Sunlands Techno	57	6.89	+12.0
ZIM Integrated	22652	22.33	+11.3
Granite Point M	3253	3.16	+11.3
Lanvin Group Ho	32	1.79	+11.2

TOP % LOSERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
MINISO Grp Hldg	28822	13.72	-16.6
Wheels Up Exper	2244	2.04	-13.6
Vertical Aerosp	238	5.80	-12.1
BP Prudhoe Bay	373	1.11	-11.9
Li-Cycle Holdin	1728	2.00	-9.1
Orion Group Hol	1396	6.02	-8.9
Korea Electric	648	7.53	-8.3
China Green Ag	10	1.68	-8.0
James Hardie NV	705	38.67	-7.9
Zevia PBC A	298	1.10	-7.6

TSX VENTURE

TOP % GAINERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
POET Tech	8827	5.96	+40.2
Bedford Metals	4899	0.78	+21.9
Inventronics	10	0.79	+19.7
Taranis Res	550	0.27	+17.4
Standard Lithiu	4808	2.22	+16.2
ONGold Res	1085	0.52	+15.6
Starlight US Mu	40	2.68	+14.0
Pacific Booker	10	0.69	+13.1
Encore Energy C	3764	5.62	+12.6
Omni-Lite Inds	883	1.50	+11.9

TOP % LOSERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
Yerbae Brands	462	u0.155	-27.9
NV Gold	75	0.23	-19.3
SPARQ Systems I	30	0.63	-14.9
Flow Capital Co	130	0.72	-14.3
Wstn Invt Co of	345	0.42	-10.6
XORTX Therapeut	40	2.22	-10.6
Sun Peak Mtls	26	0.33	-9.6
LQWD Tchnlgs	10	0.57	-9.5
Defiance Silver	7332	0.245	-9.3
Aftermath Silvr	5572	0.445	-9.2

CANADIAN DOLLAR

US74.02¢
US0.30¢

OIL BENCHMARKS

BRENT 12-MONTH AVERAGE FUTURES/BBL



US$73.90
-0.79%

WTI 12-MONTH AVERAGE FUTURES/BBL



US$70.37
-2.16%

WESTERN CANADA SELECT/BBL



US$56.06
-1.08%

DIFFERENTIAL (WTI-WCS)/BBL

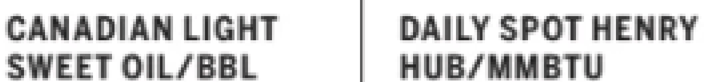


US$+14.31
-6.16%

CANADIAN LIGHT SWEET OIL/BBL

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0.00%

GAS BENCHMARKS



DAILY SPOT HENRY HUB/MMBTU



US$2.61
+7.35%

DAILY SPOT AECO/MMBTU



CA$0.20
+185.71%

HEALING

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Calgarians invited to take steps toward reconciliation at Elders Story Project event

Part of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at Arts Commons on Sept. 30

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Sharing stories to keep a rich and resilient history alive despite the passage of time has long been part of Indigenous culture.

The Elders Story Project invites Calgarians to a special event where that valuable oral tradition will be used to powerfully share the truth on September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, at Arts Commons. The Project is an Elder-led, trauma-informed initiative designed to educate non-Indigenous people about the truth of our shared history and to teach Indigenous youth about their traditional ways of being, doing and healing.


The Elders Story Project event will feature 30-plus Indigenous Elders, some of whom will share personal stories of survival, at the Jack Singer Concert Hall on Sept. 30. SUPPLIED/KIANI EVANS

> "We must finally face the truths of the past, together, so we can move forward to a better future for all."

The free evening event was created by the Elders Knowledge Circle Society (EKCS) to share the accounts of residential school survivors about a dark and devastating chapter in Canadian history. It is a chance to learn and understand, and is intended to honour the storytellers, to reveal the truth and to help heal both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, united in a push toward reconciliation.

The Elders Story Project will gather 30-plus Elders, in ceremony, on the stage of the Jack Singer Concert Hall, where a selection of survivors will take turns telling their stories. For some, it will be the first time they have spoken their truth to a public audience.

Dr. Reg Crowshoe, one of the lead Elders of the EKCS, says revealing deeply personal and emotional accounts illustrates the need to tell these stories and doing it in ceremony ensures it is told within the safety of the circle.

These are essential components in the ongoing transfer of knowledge and in understanding the strength and resilience of those who faced destructive colonial practices and policies, including the residential school system and its systemic racism.

"When the hundreds of graves were found, in 2021, at the site of the residential school in Kamloops, in Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation, we felt our trauma, as survivors and family members, reawaken, which was very difficult," says Crowshoe, a Blackfoot Elder from the Piikani Nation and a Member of the Order of Canada. "But we also felt that a time had finally come that people would believe us. Truth telling is needed for healing. The Elders Story Project will support the healing of other survivors and family members, as well as the education of Indigenous youth and settlers. We must finally face the truths of the past, together, so we can move forward to a better future for all."

The EKCS began in 2018, growing in membership to 33 Elders and Knowledge Keepers. Representing all Treaty 7 Nations, the Society is a First Nations, Métis and Inuit Elder-led collective with its members having experience with residential and day schools as survivors or relatives of survivors.

The Elders Story Project event on Sept. 30, its second public event, is designed to serve as a template for similar ones across Canada and beyond.

Alex Sarian, president and CEO of Arts Commons, says it was an easy decision to be part of a project that builds awareness and provides a platform to engage non-Indigenous Calgarians in taking steps toward truth and reconciliation.

"We are so honoured to host this important event again this year at Arts Commons, to recognize the legacy of the residential school system and celebrate the diverse cultures, voices, experiences and stories of Indigenous peoples," Sarian says.

"Supporting the Elders Story Project is one way we are walking the path towards reconciliation and raising awareness of our shared history — ultimately helping to create a more compassionate and inclusive Calgary."

According to the EKCS, preserving and revealing stories ensures the experiences of those caught in this nation's dark history will become instruments to help repair intergenerational damage done through a history of colonization and cultural genocide.

The Elders Story Project is a free event, but registration is required.

Learn more and register to save your seat at artscommons.ca/NDTR.

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SOCCER CLUB BOOSTS ACCESSIBILITY

A Champions League match next month between Atletico Madrid and Lille could see a record number of fans with disabilities in the stands. The Spanish club has teamed with AccessibAll, a group promoting better access to sport for disabled fans, with the aim of breaking the record for the highest number of supporters with disabilities attending a soccer match. Atletico hosts Lille on Oct. 23. The initiative "aims to further enhance inclusivity



in football, making it easier for disabled fans to experience the joy of attending live matches," AccessibAll said. According to UEFA, soccer's "most inclusive match in the world" took place last year when 1,740 disabled fans were in attendance for a game between Betis and Real Valladolid. The Integrated Dreams organization and the World Football Summit are involved in the latest attempt at the record.
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Mets' Alonso tips helmet to N.Y. fans in possible farewell game

Pete Alonso stepped up to the plate in the first inning of what could be his final home game at Citi Field and was met by a huge ovation.

"Are you going to tip your cap or something?" Alonso recalled home plate umpire John Libka telling him. "I can give you time right here."

"Oh, yeah," Alonso told him. "I was really happy that John reminded me."

Alonso waved his helmet to the sellout crowd of 43,139, then tapped his helmet to his heart after the first of several standing ovations.

"It's wild. It's something you just really — you kind of hear about or read about or kind of see in movies," Alonso said.

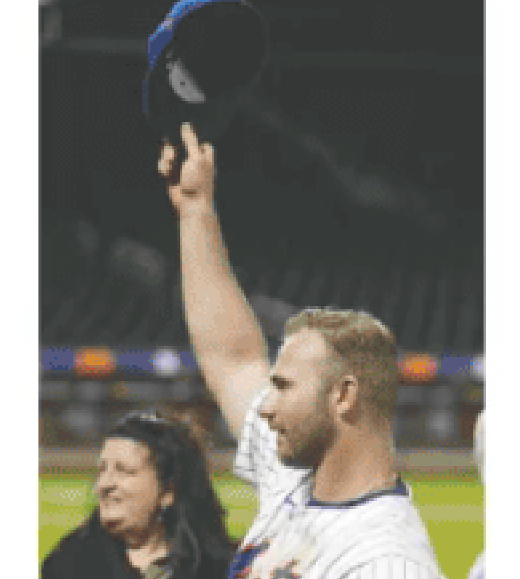
Alonso went 0 for 4 with three strikeouts in the Mets' 2-1 win over Philadelphia Sunday. With a week left in the season, New York is in position for the second NL wild card and two games ahead of Atlanta for the final post-season berth.

"This is what our identity is," Alonso said. "We fight and scratch for every pitch, every out. A game like today really shows the character and who we are, who the 2024 Mets are."

Entering Monday, Alonso is hitting .244 with 31 homers and 86 RBIs. The 29-year-old can become a free agent after the World Series and is represented by Scott Boras, an agent known for testing the market.

A four-time all-star who's been a fan favourite since hitting 53 homers in 2019 and winning NL rookie of the year, Alonso said he's not thinking about free agency and is concentrating on winning his first World Series title, which would be the Mets' first since 1986.

"We got some more meat left on the bone of this," he said. "We still have work to do and we need to finish."
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Pete Alonso

Calgary Flames forward Andrew Basha, right, and defenceman Daniil Miromanov take part in the Calgary Flames training camp at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Sunday. The 18-year-old Calgary native played with the Flames for the first time Monday night for a split-squad pre-season tilt. GAVIN YOUNG

BASHA LIVING HIS DREAM ON THE ICE WITH FLAMES

Wearing NHL jersey a memorable night ahead of potential Memorial Cup run



DANNY AUSTIN

Andrew Basha, like countless Calgary kids, grew up dreaming of nights like Monday.

When he'd be playing in the backyard, Basha would picture himself donning a Calgary Flames jersey and skating out onto the ice at the Saddledome.

For most kids, it remains just a dream.

But Basha is one of the lucky few, and on Monday the Calgary kid was set be in full Flames gear for the first professional hockey game of his career.

"It's incredible," the 18-year-old said Monday morning. "For it to be the first time playing in the Dome with the Flames, it will be very surreal for me. I'm very fortunate to have lots of family and friends in the building. Just excited to get going."

Basha is living his dream, plain and simple. Picked in the second round (41st overall) in this year's draft, he'll be spending this season with the powerhouse Medicine Hat Tigers in the WHL. They're Memorial Cup contenders, and it should be an exciting season.

In a year or two, though, he'll probably be fighting for a spot in the Flames lineup and maybe he'll grow used to the feeling of wearing the jersey of the team he's grown up loving.

You get the feeling that Monday night will be one he won't forget, though. Even if it's just a pre-season split-squad game where half his Flames teammates will be skating in Edmonton at the same time, it's still a first game wearing an NHL jersey at the rink where he dreamed of playing as a kid.

"One hundred per cent, for a Calgary kid this would be incredibly cool to be able to play in here with some of the guys he grew up watching play," Flames head coach Ryan Huska said before the game. "We have him on the power play with some pretty good players tonight and you can see this morning he had a tendency to want to pass it all the time instead of shoot, which I get, but it's pretty exciting for him.

"The thing we like about Bash is he's done a really good job right from Day 1 of our prospect camp and he's continuing to get better every day."

It has, by Basha's own admission, been a whirlwind couple of weeks. He scored in the second game of the Young Stars Classic tournament against the Edmonton Oilers' prospects and is now working alongside the Flames veterans.

He's adjusted to that reality as best he can, but it was definitely an adjustment.

"When you kind of move into the big boy room, it's definitely different," Basha said. "I think it's just about being confident in myself and knowing I'm being put in these positions for reasons and I deserve to be part of that group. That's the only way you can look at it, I think.

"You don't want to miss any opportunities you're given or waste them based on being starstruck. Obviously, it's cool, but I'm more focused on that."

Basha had a big cheering section on hand for Monday's game and the loudest people in the Dome might have been be his parents, Richard and Ronda.

As Huska noted, Basha was pencilled in for power-play time, too, so it's likely there were extra opportunities to make his dream even better if he could bury his first goal in a Flames jersey on the same night he was wearing it for the very first time at the Saddledome.

"I'm not a guy that gets too nervous," Basha said in the hours before puck drop. "I don't want to look back on this and say I overthought everything and went into it thinking I have all this pressure. ... I don't really think there's much pressure for me, it's going out and having fun and treating it like I was with any other team.

"Maybe there is a little bit of extra spotlight just because I'm from here, but at the end of the day it's a privilege to have that and I just want to go out and have fun."

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Cubs' Imanaga shows strong finishing kick in first year

The very end of Shota Imanaga's first year in the major leagues looks a lot like the beginning of the season for the Japanese left-hander.

That's a real positive sign for Imanaga and the Chicago Cubs.

Showing no signs of any fatigue, Imanaga earned his sixth consecutive win when he pitched seven innings in a 5-0 victory over the Washington Nationals on Sunday. He allowed six hits, struck out four and walked none.

"He's had a great season," manager Craig Counsell said. "It's been fabulous. Finishing on a strong note, continuing to pitch super well. Executing as we go, just very, very well. It's been good from start to as we get to the end here."

Imanaga, 31, has been a bright spot after coming over from Japan. He finalized a US$53-million, four-year contract with Chicago in January.

Making a smooth transition to the majors, Imanaga went 5-0 with a sparkling 0.84 ERA in his first nine starts. He has a 2.25 ERA during his current win streak — the longest active run for a major league starter — to go along with 37 strikeouts and eight walks in 40 innings.

"Talking to Craig, talking to my teammates, they really emphasized how important it is to stay healthy, especially in September," Imanaga said. "So that was one of the goals of mine, especially back in spring training, just being able to continue to pitch, stay healthy. And I think I was able to do that."

Imanaga, who is 15-3 with a 2.91 ERA in 173⅓ innings over 29 starts, made the NL all-star team and likely will finish in the top five in balloting for NL rookie of the year.

"Look, he's been our best pitcher," Counsell said. "He's been our best player. There's no question about it. He's just delivered, and he's been a huge boost for us."

The Cubs are 23-6 when Imanaga takes the mound, and the durability he has shown has not gone unnoticed by his teammates.

"It's his first year over here, so he's still getting used to it," infielder Michael Busch said. "I don't exactly know what it was like (in Japan), but I know it's a little different from a starting pitcher's perspective.


Shota Imanaga

"So the fact he's able to do that and do it so consistently like he has this year has been pretty amazing."
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IN BRIEF

Lehner wants to resume his NHL career

Goalie Robin Lehner apparently has not given up on his NHL career, telling Sportsnet he's hopeful of a resolution after the Vegas Golden Knights said he hadn't reported.

"All I can say at this time is everyone knows why I couldn't be there," Lehner said. "I am waiting calmly for things to be sorted out."

Lehner had hip surgery in August 2022 and was placed on long-term injured reserve (LTIR). Club management has not said much about Lehner's status since then, and there was little talk of him possibly playing this season.

But Lehner was required to have a medical checkup to remain on LTIR, which allows the Knights to not count him against their salary cap while at the same time the player receives his salary.

Lehner is in the final year of his contract and is due US$4.4 million in salary. If he does not report and the team terminates his contract, Lehner's $5-million cap hit, which would have been part of LTIR, would come off the books.

"He continues to be unfit to play," Knights general manager Kelly McCrimmon said. "There are unique circumstances surrounding the situation that the NHL, the NHLPA (Players Association) and the club are currently working through. Collectively, we are assessing our next steps and when we have more to say, we will."

The Cincinnati Reds fired manager David Bell after six seasons.

The team announced the move hours after a 2-0 loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates, and named bench coach Freddie Benavides as interim manager for the final five games of the MLB season.

"David provided the kind of steadiness that we needed in our clubhouse over the last few seasons. We felt a change was needed to move the major league team forward. We have not achieved the success we expected, and we need to begin focusing on 2025," president of baseball operations Nick Krall said on the Reds website.

Entering Monday, with a week left in the season, the Reds are 76-81 and in fourth place in the National League Central, 13 1/2 games behind division champion Milwaukee.

The 52-year-old Bell was hired by the Reds in October 2018. He had a 409-456 record over six seasons.

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Canada's Bianca Andreescu says she feels a responsibility to help the Women's Tennis Association's reach pay equity in its tournaments. *FRANK FRANKLIN II/ THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP*

Push for gender equity in tennis 'a beautiful thing,' Andreescu says

As popularity of women's sports soars, momentum grows for equal pay on court

GEMMA KARSTENS-SMITH

Bianca Andreescu knows a significant part of her job takes place away from the tennis court, in moments she may not even have a racket in her hand.

Whether she's signing a ball or writing a book for kids, the Canadian tennis star wants to be an inspiration for the next generation and help make her sport better for the girls who'll follow.

The push for gender equity in tennis — particularly in terms of what athletes are paid — is a "beautiful thing," Andreescu said.

"In my experience, obviously, I haven't got paid in many tournaments just like the men, but I know that it's getting better," said the former U.S. Open winner.

"We do have to thank Billie Jean King for that, because she's the one that paved the way. And I think our responsibility as athletes now, men or women, it's just to get that to, I guess, perfection."

It's been more than 50 years since tennis legend and feminist icon King trounced Bobby Riggs in the Battle of the Sexes exhibition match, but disparities between men's and women's funding and accessibility still reign through many sports.

"There will always be work to do in this space, because it's not even just for women and for girls, it's other equity-deserving groups that need accessibility to sport," said Eva Havaris, a senior vice-president with Tennis Canada.

Andreescu's latest push for change comes in the form of a Tennis Canada campaign on gender equity. The new video talks about colours in the sport, from traditional tennis whites to whether a ball is green or yellow. Images then shift to a lilac purple colour — the colour many groups have previously used to showcase their support for gender equity — and talk turns to how women athletes still earn less than their male counterparts.

On the screen, Andreescu sits in a purple umpire chair, flexing.

The scene was filmed during last summer's National Bank Open in Toronto, where Tennis Canada and the tournament organizers opted to paint the chairs in an effort to create conversation around gender equity.

"People were super interested by it. It created a lot of conversation," Havaris said. "Certainly in tennis, a lot of things are sort of white. So when people saw this, it was like, 'Oh, what's that about?' It prompted people to talk about it."

Andreescu was just finishing up practice when a film crew nearby asked if she wanted to take part.

"I said, 'Of course.' I mean something like this, this is what I stand for," said the 24 year old from Mississauga, Ont.

The National Bank Open is one of the tournaments working toward pay equity between athletes on the men's and women's sides.

In 2025, the tournament's WTA prize money is set to reach nearly 60 per cent of the ATP pot as both events expand to 12-day main draw formats. And in 2027, the women's winner will take home as much as the men's.

The total WTA prize money at the NBO in 2027 is expected to be at least US$10 million, a 350 per cent increase over the award in 2023.

"It's definitely taken a while," said Andreescu, who won the tournament in 2019. "But I mean, the more that we can just continue, creating initiatives like (the current campaign) and speaking up about it, it'll be amazing to witness that. So I'm very grateful."

Tennis Canada's latest push for gender equity comes at a time when women's sports are gaining new ground — and eyeballs — across the world.

The Professional Women's Hockey League set multiple records for attendance in its inaugural season, and the WNBA announced in May that it is expanding to Toronto.

"I think even just people showing up for women's sport now, and the sizes of the audience and the viewership, it just tells you so much about its facts," Havaris said. "The sports speak for themselves, the athletes speak for themselves and their ability."

Andreescu has been soaking up women's sports, too. She went to her first WNBA game in New York recently and was amazed by the play of Liberty guard Sabrina Ionescu.

The tennis player said she's had opportunities to meet women play at the highest levels in their sports, including Canadian hockey great Marie-Philip Poulin, and has always found their conversations about the similarities and challenges they face to be enlightening.

Having those talks is crucial to the continued growth of women's sports, Andreescu said.

"Only us women in sport can truly relate to one another," she said. "So it's nice to have that kind of connection."

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Christine Bumstead was behind the bench with the Florida Panthers on Sunday for a pre-season game. *LYNNE SLADKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILES*

Momentum building for women in NHL

Female coach sees door open on more opportunities to be a leader in the league

TIM REYNOLDS

SUNRISE, FLA. Christine Bumstead's path toward being an assistant coach in a pre-season game for the reigning Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers started in a most unusual way.

She went deer hunting.

Her journey took off when hockey — and the rest of the world — had stopped in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Paul Maurice, then the coach of the Winnipeg Jets, knew Bumstead's father and decided to join him on a hunting trip. On the way there, she and Maurice talked hockey, talked philosophy, talked systems. The drive took 25 minutes. Maurice was blown away.

"We got out of the car and I went, 'Oh, that's a coach,'" Maurice said.

Fast forward about four years. Bumstead was invited to be part of a development camp with the Panthers this summer, then invited back for training camp that started last week and on Sunday — to her surprise — she was behind the bench with the Stanley Cup champs for a pre-season game against Nashville.

"It's probably the best seats you can get," Bumstead said after Florida's win. "It's super special to me."

Bumstead is part of the NHL Coaches Association Female Coaches Program, which is working with about 100 women this year on their development in the game. Bumstead leaves Florida this week to get back to her primary jobs, those being an assistant coach for the women's team at the University of Saskatchewan and performance coach for the Saskatoon Blades of the Western Hockey League. She also serves as head coach of Canada's national deaf women's hockey team.

When Bumstead — who also has experience as a teacher — started to focus on coaching, she thought it might be short term. It didn't take her long to change her thinking. She's now hoping it's her calling. Maurice helped get her into the NHLCA program and has spoken highly of her ever since.

"I played competitively, and I thought I was driven, but now as a coach I'm realizing that I had no drive as a player at all in comparison," Bumstead said. "I am way more competitive as a coach than I ever was as a player. So, I just think that obviously I'm on the right side of the bench. I didn't know that until I started coaching at a higher level. And I realized I had the juice for this way more than I ever did as a player."

There is some real momentum for women in the NHL. This season, Jessica Campbell will make some history as the first on-the-bench assistant coach in league history. She was hired by the Seattle Kraken this summer after two years as an assistant for the team's AHL affiliate. That came after Emily Engel-Natzke was hired by the Washington Capitals in 2022 as video coach, making her the first woman with a full-time assistant role in the league.

Other women have got pre-season opportunities as assistants in recent years and the numbers of women in the NHL in a front office or some sort of coaching role is soaring. There will be a female head coach in the NHL, Maurice said. It's not if. It's when.

"That day is coming," Maurice said. "Certainly, there's some experience and expertise that you have to acquire before you get to be an NHL head coach. And now there are women that are getting that experience."

Bumstead is certain she'll leave Florida as a better coach. She thought she was detail-oriented before getting to this training camp. But seeing how Maurice and the Panthers prepare with precise detail every day, combined with getting an up-close view of Mathew Tkachuk, Aleksander Barkov, Sam Reinhart and the rest of the Cup champs, quickly gave her a very different perspective.

"I'm definitely bringing back so much more than I thought," Bumstead said.

Training camp is like a dream for coaches who love nothing more than sitting around with others and talking hockey all day. Bumstead has got that experience over the last few days with Florida, plus time being part of the on-ice instruction. Maurice didn't tell her until Saturday that she would be behind the bench on Sunday.

A half-hour after the game ended, she was still excited.

"It means I got the full experience, for sure," Bumstead said.

Having Bumstead next to him wasn't a throwaway move for Maurice on Sunday. He wanted Bumstead to see the NHL game from that perspective. He also wanted people in hockey to see Bumstead behind the bench of the Cup champs.

"Coaches will view the game a lot of times better from the bench than they will from up top," Maurice said. "It's not what we're used to seeing. So, she gets it. She's a good coach. And I think, when you talk about opportunity and maybe exposure as well, she's going to get an opportunity to be a head coach somewhere down the line. ... She'll get there."

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Mackenzie Hughes, along with fellow Canadians Taylor Pendrith and Corey Conners, made a point of calling their former mentor — retired Kent State University golf coach Herb Page — after International team coach Mike Weir named all three to his Presidents Cup team. *THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE*

U.S. university a proving ground for elite-level Canadian golf talent

Hughes, Pendrith and Conners all played for retired Kent State coach Herb Page

JOHN CHIDLEY-HILL

Herb Page was going about his business on a Tuesday morning when Mackenzie Hughes, one of his former star players on Kent State University's men's golf team, reached out to him on FaceTime.

Hughes said he just wanted to say hi because he was killing time at the kind of corporate function PGA Tour players are often invited to speak at. But just as Page bit on his story, Taylor Pendrith and Corey Conners leaned into the frame on Hughes's phone.

All three were in the midst of a practice round at Royal Montreal Golf Club, scouting the course ahead of the Presidents Cup. The three Canadians, all Kent State grads, would be named captain's selections to the International team a few hours later and they wanted to surprise their collegiate coach with the news.

"I just about cried," said Page, adding that he had goosebumps from retelling the story.

"They're better people than they are golfers. I know that's a kind of a catchphrase, but even after they graduated, they keep me in the loop. I'm still part of their little journey."

Hughes was a year ahead of Pendrith and Conners on the Golden Flashes, but they all overlapped at the university in northeastern Ohio in the early 2010s. They all turned pro and are now three of the top Canadians on the PGA Tour.

Canadian golf legend Mike Weir made them three of his six captain's picks on Sept. 3 for the Presidents Cup, which starts this Thursday at Royal Montreal. Their inclusion on the International team's roster is the first time three Canadians have played in the best-on-best match-play tournament, with Hughes from Dundas, Ont., Pendrith from Richmond Hill, Ont., and Conners from Listowel, Ont.

It was the morning of Weir's announcement that Hughes played his small "prank" on Page.

"It just meant so much to me. I couldn't have been happier," said Page, who retired from coaching five years ago. "It's just the way these three young men are, who they are and what they stand for. It was pretty cool.

"He got me so bad. I cannot believe how he did it. It was crazy."

Hughes said that Page, who is from Markham, Ont., left an indelible mark on him, Pendrith and Conners and there was no way they wouldn't tell him directly about being named to the Presidents Cup.

"My time at Kent State really helped shape the player I am," said Hughes. "(Page) was like a father figure to me at Kent State, someone that I really trusted and really respected his opinion.

"He'd be the first to tell you that there was lots of tough love, and some tough conversations that we had, and that's what I think helps you grow and evolve as a person and a golfer."

An argument could be made that the Kent State Golden Flashes of the early 2010s is one of the most well-rounded men's golf teams in NCAA history.

Although other teams can claim more PGA Tour wins — the 1995 Stanford University team, for example, went on to win 86 titles on the PGA Tour, but 82 of them are thanks to Tiger Woods with Notah Begay III adding four — the Canadian trio at Kent State with American John Hahn has arguably been the most successful collectively with five wins among Hughes, Pendrith and Conners.

"It was a pretty stout team," said Hughes, noting that Hahn went on to play on the European DP World Tour. "Now, at the time, I don't think we quite had it all together and everyone clicking as a team.

"But you look back on it and individuals that were playing and what they've achieved it was a pretty awesome group."

Page, who recruited and coached that team, is more effusive.

"That era was pretty darn good, pretty darn good," he said. "Of course, during that era, Alabama was making runs with Justin Thomas and Texas was making runs with Jordan Spieth.

"The thing about all three (Kent State golfers), they just got better and better and better. They weren't superstars, nationally ranked, coming out of Ontario. I don't want to say this in a bad way, but it's not like I had to fend off tons of schools to get them to come to Kent State."

Hughes has added Page to his VIP guest list at Royal Montreal Golf Club so that his old coach won't miss a single swing by his former student-athletes when play begins on Thursday.

"I'm flying in Monday night because I'm going to be there the whole damn week," said Page with a chuckle. "And I'm not flying out until Monday morning because when they raise that cup, I'm going to be there."

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
z-New York	92	64	.590	—
Baltimore	86	70	.551	6
Boston	79	78	.503	13.5
Tampa Bay	78	78	.500	14
Toronto	73	84	.465	19.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	90	67	.573	—
Detroit	82	74	.526	7.5
Kansas City	82	74	.526	7.5
Minnesota	81	75	.519	8.5
Chicago	36	120	.231	53.5

West	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	85	71	.545	—
Seattle	80	76	.513	5
Texas	74	82	.474	11
Oakland	67	89	.429	18
Los Angeles	63	93	.404	22

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	93	64	.592	—
New York	87	69	.558	5.5
Atlanta	85	71	.545	7.5
Washington	69	87	.442	23.5
Miami	57	99	.365	35.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	89	67	.571	—
Chicago	80	77	.510	9.5
St. Louis	79	77	.506	10
Cincinnati	76	81	.484	13.5
Pittsburgh	73	83	.468	16

West	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Los Angeles	93	63	.596	—
San Diego	90	66	.577	3
Arizona	87	69	.558	6
San Francisco	77	79	.494	16
Colorado	60	96	.385	33

CFL

East	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
x-Montreal	14	11	2	1	375	300	23
Ottawa	14	8	5	1	347	371	17
Toronto	14	7	7	0	395	375	14
Hamilton	14	5	9	0	380	440	10

West	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Winnipeg	14	8	6	0	322	288	16
British Columbia	14	7	7	0	352	350	14
Saskatchewan	14	6	7	1	370	359	13
Edmonton	14	5	9	0	399	369	10
Calgary	14	4	9	1	330	418	9

x—clinched playoff berth; Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for a tie.

Week 16
Bye: British Columbia

Saturday's results
Montreal 24 Ottawa 12
Winnipeg 27 Edmonton 14

Friday's results
Hamilton 33 Toronto 31
Saskatchewan 37 Calgary 29

Week 17
Bye: Calgary

Friday's games
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 6 p.m.
Hamilton at British Columbia, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28
Ottawa at Saskatchewan, 1 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 5 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	65	38
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	67	52
Miami	1	2	0	.333	33	72
New England	1	2	0	.333	39	57
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	2	1	0	.667	55	74
Indpolis	1	2	0	.333	58	61
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	30	38
Tennessee	0	3	0	.000	48	78

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	1.000	51	26
Baltimore	1	2	0	.333	71	78
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	50	67
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	35	42
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000	75	62
L.A. Chargers	2	1	0	.667	58	33
Denver	1	2	0	.333	52	46
Las Vegas	1	2	0	.333	58	81

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	70	63
Washington	1	1	0	.500	41	55
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	77	89
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	45	64
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	103	44
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	64	62
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	49	61
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	49	95

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	85	30
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	62	53
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	75	58
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	53	57
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Seattle	3	0	0	1.000	73	43
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	82	64
L.A. Rams	1	2	0	.333	57	91
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	73	69

NOTEBOOK

Raptors to retire Carter's No. 15

Vince Carter will become the first Toronto Raptors player to get his jersey retired when it happens during the franchise's 30th anniversary season, which kicks off next month.

TSN's Josh Lewenberg first reported Monday the Raptors will retire No. 15 Nov. 2 when the Sacramento Kings visit Toronto.

Carter, nicknamed Air Canada, was the first superstar to play for the franchise and led Toronto to its first trips to the playoffs.

But his messy exit from the franchise to New Jersey in 2004 after essentially quitting on the team has long divided fans.

As a Raptor, Carter made five NBA All-Star games in a row, many as the overall top vote getter and won rookie of the year.

He still leads the franchise in points per game.

Five Western Hockey League teams — including four Canadian clubs — are vying to host the Memorial Cup in 2026.

The Canadian Hockey League announced Monday that the Brandon Wheat Kings, Kelowna Rockets, Lethbridge Hurricanes, Medicine Hat Tigers and Spokane Chiefs have all submitted formal bids to host the league's championship tournament.

The winner is expected to be announced in December.

Montreal's Felix Auger-Aliassime will lead the Canadian team into the Davis Cup Final 8, with Frank Dancevic returning as captain.

Auger-Aliassime will once again be joined by Denis Shapovalov, of Richmond Hill, Ont., Montreal's Gabriel Diallo, Alexis Galarneau, of Laval, Que., and Vasek Pospisil of Vernon, B.C., Nov. 19-24 in Spain.

Canada will face Germany in the quarterfinals, while defending champion Italy draws Argentina, and the United States plays Australia. Spain, which announced Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz have been named to its roster, battles the Netherlands.

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats signed American cornerback Jamal Peters to a one-year contract extension.

Peters, 27, has registered 38 tackles and four interceptions in 12 games this season, his first with Hamilton.

Peters helped the Toronto Argonauts win a Grey Cup title in 2022.

Dick Moss, the lawyer who won the arbitration case that created free agency for baseball players and revolutionized pay for professional athletes, has died. He was 93.

Hired by union executive director Marvin Miller as general counsel in 1967, Moss argued the 1975 case involving pitchers Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally that led to arbitrator Peter Seitz striking down the reserve clause.

That provision for a unilateral one-year renewal had been included in every contract since 1878 and had enabled teams to control players by maintaining those agreements could be extended perpetually.

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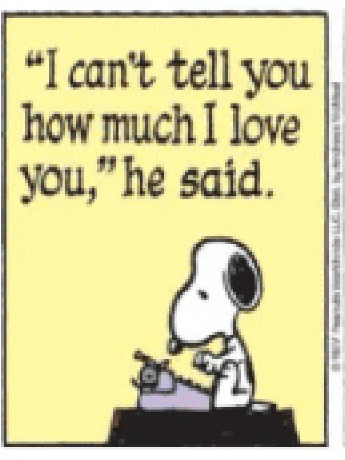
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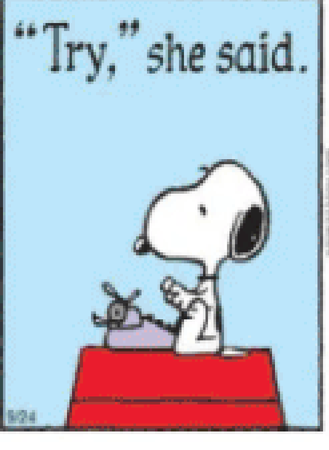


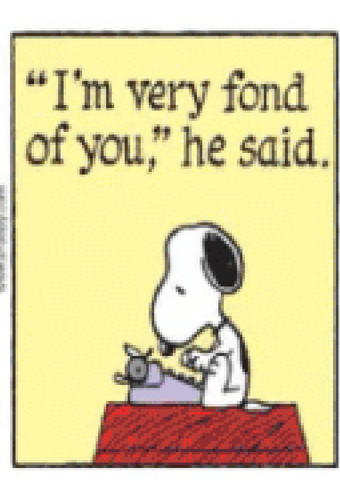




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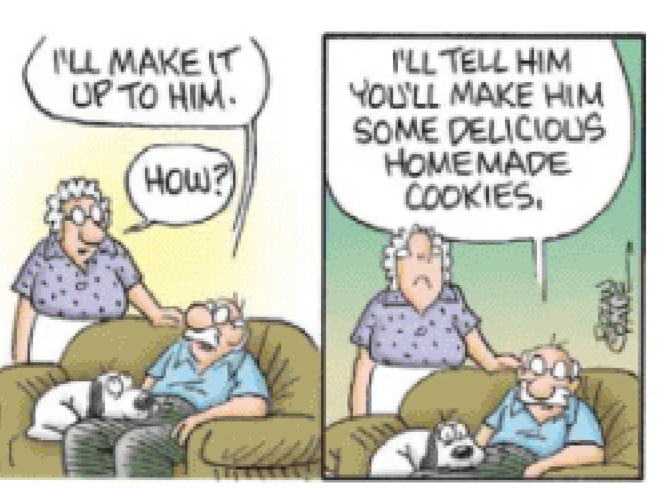




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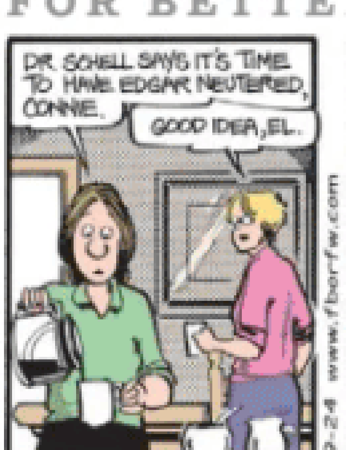


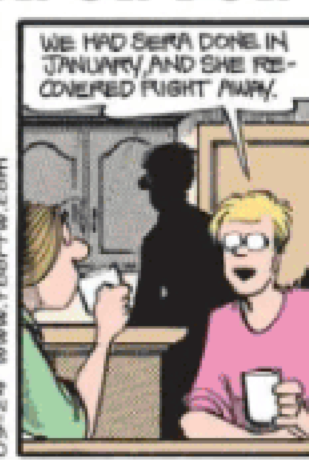






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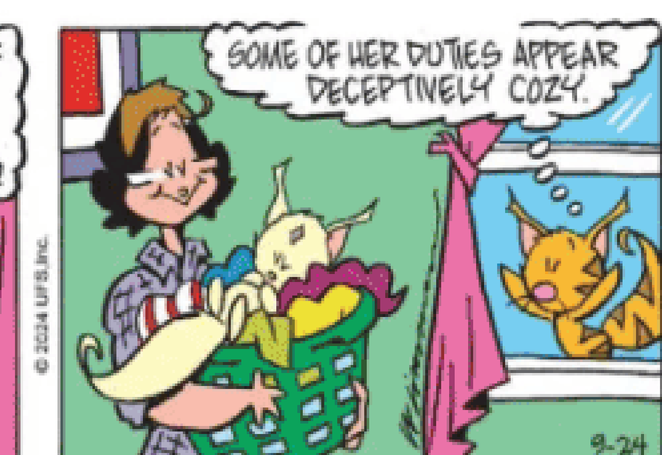




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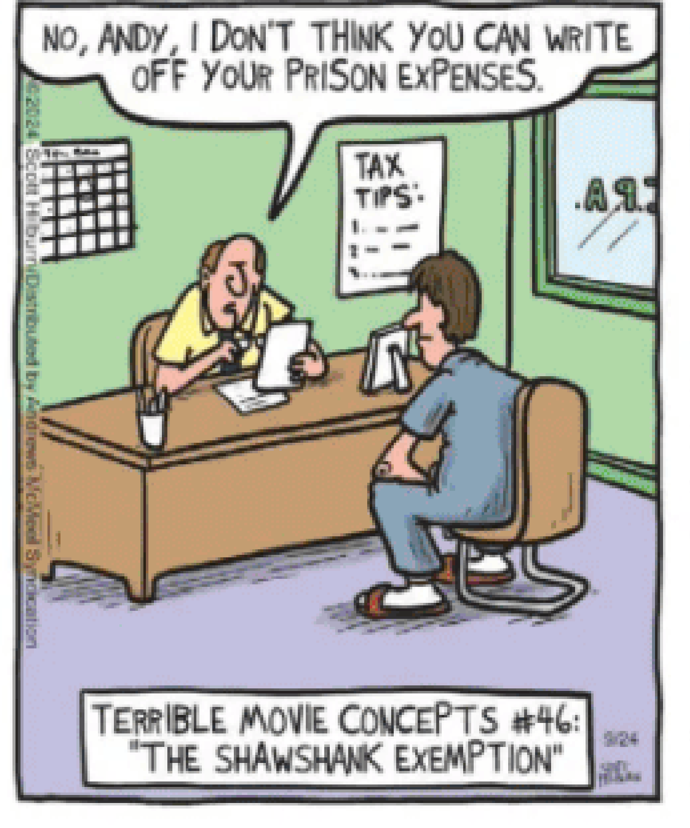




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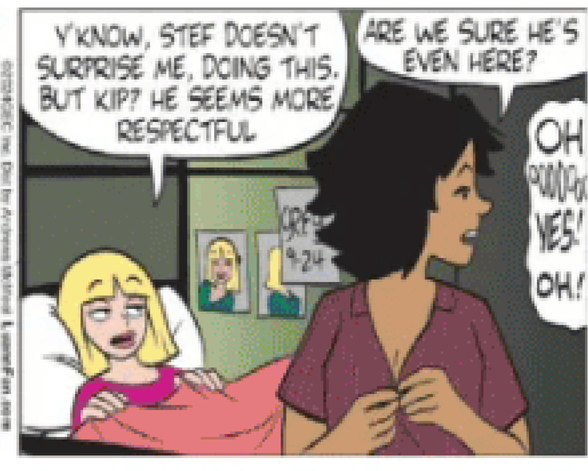
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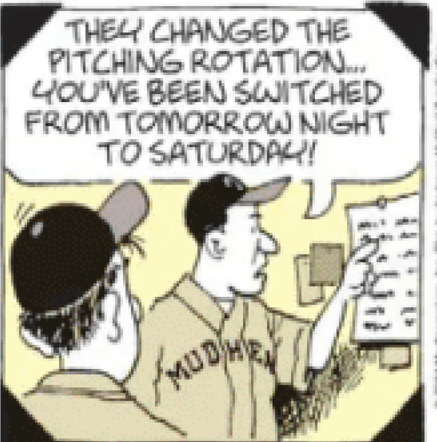








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